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Troubleshooter in trouble!

No end to DK Shivakumar's troubles as minister, aspirant knock on Delhi doors; Krishna Byre Gowda in Delhi for clarity on Bengaluru Development portfolio as CM retains BDA, BMRDA

BENGALURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar may have more firefighting to do amid dissatisfaction among his cabinet colleagues over portfolio allocations.

The CM weathered the Ramalinga Reddy storm last week after the senior leader withdrew his resignation, but looks like more turbulence is headed his way as Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who has been allocated the Bengaluru Development portfolio, has still not taken charge.

As per sources, Gowda has his apprehensions over managing the portfolio without clarity. Gowda has been allocated the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio, while the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) remain with the Chief Minister.

Interestingly, Bengaluru Development portfolio had led to Reddy's heartburn after which he had resigned on June 5 just two days after taking oath. Reddy had claimed that he was promised the portfolio, but instead it was allocated to Gowda and Reddy was assigned Irrigation ministry. Now, it seems even the minister allocated the high-profile portfolio is seeking clarity.

The Congress leadership had managed to placate Reddy and he later took back his resignation.

Shivakumar had last week taken oath along with 13 ministers and has 21 vacancies left to fill, for which hectic lobbying is on by aspirants. The new government has been hit with a series of embarrassing resentments within the first week itself.

Apart from the Reddy episode, another senior leader Muniyappa had voiced his dissatisfaction with the ministry he has been allocated.

Muniyappa, who has been given Food and Civil Supplies portfolio, said that as the "senior most" leader he deserved a better portfolio. "I have told the leadership that as a senior most member of the Cabinet, I should get an important portfolio," Muniyappa told reporters.

He said that he had informed party leadership, including Rahul Gandhi, about his expectations.

The 'hurtburn' called Greater Bengaluru

Byre Gowda is reportedly unhappy that BDA and BMRDA, which are responsible for major projects such as a Rs 27,000-crore Bengaluru Business Corridor, Rs 1,139-crore Hebbal short tunnel project, and the proposed Rs 18,000-crore Bidadi township, have been kept out of his portfolio. The development comes after Congress high command resolved differences with senior leader and Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy, persuading him to withdraw his resignation after he was denied the Bengaluru Development portfolio. As per party sources, Gowda has landed in Delhi to urge the high command to clear the confusion over the portfolios. Along with Gowda, MLA Rizwan Arshad has also flown to Delhi amid lobbying for ministerial berths ahead of Shivakumar Cabinet's expansion. Both leaders are considered close to Rahul Gandhi. However, senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, are in Bengaluru for the funeral of senior AICC secretary Suraj Hegde (55), who passed away on June 7. As per sources, discussions on the issue are likely only after the leadership returns to Delhi. Congress MLA from Shivajinagar, Arshad, served as the chairman of the Joint Review Committee for the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024. The committee's work led to the establishment of the GBA. Gowda has been entrusted with the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio. His responsibilities include the GBA, the five city corporations under GBA, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

Internal dissent and Delhi rushes

The newly-formed government has been immediately hit with organizational turbulence:

- **PORTFOLIO UNHAPPINESS:** Several senior leaders have reportedly voiced displeasure over their assigned ministries. Minister KH Muniyappa publicly requested a more significant portfolio given his seniority.
- **THE KB GOWDA STALLED START:** Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has notably not taken charge of his department yet.
- **HIGH COMMAND INTERVENTION:** Dissatisfied ministers and aspirants are rushing to New Delhi to lobby the Congress high command for better positions, fueling speculation that the cabinet formation is still in flux.
- **MISSED OPPORTUNITIES:** Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara openly expressed deep disappointment over missing the CM post three times and even admitted he had considered quitting politics if denied the top role. His remarks have sparked fresh debates about internal power dynamics within the state.
- **THE REDDY RESIGNATION & PATCH UP:** Shivakumar already had to put out fires earlier in the week when eight-time MLA Ramalinga Reddy tendered his resignation. Reddy was reportedly unhappy with being allotted the Irrigation portfolio instead of the much-coveted Bengaluru Development role. While Shivakumar managed to resolve that specific crisis after marathon late-night meetings, it highlighted the challenges the new CM faces in keeping veteran leaders aligned.

PM Modi calls for de-escalation in talks with Kuwait Emir

Modi also expressed deep concern over the escalation of tensions in West Asia and reaffirmed India's strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty.

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for de-escalation in the Middle East and stressed the need for dialogue and diplomacy during a phone call with Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

As per a statement from the Prime Minister's Office, the two leaders discussed the evolving security situation in the region.

Modi expressed "deep concern" over the escalation and reaffirmed India's "strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity." He also called for "de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy" to restore peace and stability as soon as possible, the statement said.

Modi thanked the Amir for his personal attention to the continued well-being and the safety of the large Indian community in Kuwait.

The development comes days after an Indian national was killed in an Iranian strike, first time since an April ceasefire, on the Kuwait International Airport on June 3. The attack came amid escalating tensions between Israel and Iran.

Kuwait stated that Iranian strikes killed one person, injured 63 and damaged key facilities, including diplomatic missions. Iran's IRGC claimed that the attacks targeted US bases in Kuwait in retaliation for a recent American strike on Qeshm Island in southern Iran.

Inside the conversation

- The two leaders exchange views on the situation in West Asia.
- PM Modi reaffirms India's strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- Modi reiterates call for de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy.
- PM thanks His Highness the Amir for his personal attention to the well-being and safety of the Indian community in Kuwait.

Will conduct error-free NEET: Pradhan

NEW DELHI

With less than two weeks remaining for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Undergraduate (NEET-UG) 2026 re-examination, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the test would be conducted in a "completely error-free" manner and that results would be declared on schedule.

He told media on Tuesday that the National Testing Agency (NTA) had completed extensive preparations for the June 21 examination and expressed confidence in the agency's ability to conduct the test smoothly. "We had said earlier that we would conduct an error-free NEET examination this time, and I want to reassure everyone once again," he said. He also assured candidates that the results would be announced on time so that students do not lose valuable academic time.

Exam in 551 cities

Pradhan said the re-examination will be conducted across 551 cities in India through 5,435 examination centres. The test will also be held at 14 centres outside the country. "I have complete confidence in our team. All the necessary arrangements are being completed," he said, adding that the responsibility had been taken up with "seriousness and accountability".

The June 21 re-test comes after the Centre cancelled NEET-UG 2026 following allegations of paper leaks and examination malpractice, triggering uncertainty for more than 22 lakh candidates across the country.

'Probe into paper leak on'

On the alleged paper leak that led to the cancellation of the original examination, he said the probe was still underway. "The CBI is getting to the bottom of it and examining what irregularities occurred and where they took place," he said.

NTA, NMC, ministry officials to face parliamentary panel over NEET-UG re-exam

Senior officials from the Ministries of Health and Education, the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the National Medical Commission (NMC) will brief a parliamentary panel on Wednesday on the conduct of the NEET-UG re-examination scheduled for June 21. The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare has summoned the Higher Education Secretary, the Health Secretary and senior officials of the NTA and NMC to brief members on the re-examination process. This will be the third parliamentary panel before which officials from the two ministries, the NTA and the NMC have appeared in connection with NEET-related issues.

Modi govt intoxicated on power: Cong on Ujjwala refill cut

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday hit out at the government over its reduction of the number of subsidised refills of LPG gas cylinders under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and alleged that it only sheds "crocodile tears" on the plight of women while being "intoxicated on power".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in an X post said, "2016: Modi-ji claimed that the Ujjwala Yojana would liberate women from the smoke of wood-burning stoves. There was a promise of 12 subsidized cylinders a year. However, last year, that number was reduced from 12 to 9. 2026: Now, the number of subsidized cylinders has been further cut from 9 to just 4. In short a promise of 12, but an intention of giving only 4."

'Forged signature': CID storms Didi's home

KOLKATA

As trouble mounts for TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, a team of CID officers reached her Kalighat residence on Tuesday as part of the investigation into the 'forged signature controversy' that has triggered an unprecedented split in the party.

Mamata's residence, which she also uses as office, at 30B Harish Chatterjee Street was stormed by personnel from the Kalighat police station and a large contingent of women police personnel.

This comes just days after CID served notices seeking information related to the alleged forging of signatures of TMC legislators on a proposal submitted to the Assembly Speaker for recognition of the Leader of Opposition.

"In his response, Abhishek Banerjee stated that signatures of MLAs were collected at the party's central office at 30B Harish Chatterjee Street. Based on that statement, we have come here as part of the investigation," a CID officer said.

TMC leader and former MP Subhasish Chakraborty, however, said that the officers were not allowed to enter. "We have not allowed the CID to enter the premises in the absence of Abhishek Banerjee. Once he comes, the CID can come and search the house," Chakraborty said.

What's the controversy?

The signature controversy has resulted in the biggest internal crisis in the TMC's 28-year history. It is about a proposal sent to the Speaker seeking recognition of senior TMC MLA Sovandeb Chattopadhyay as Leader of Opposition allegedly contained forged signatures of several legislators. The allegations led to the filing of an FIR and a CID probe. This has subsequently resulted in an existential crisis for the TMC as 58 of the TMC's 80 MLAs defied the party leadership and backed expelled MLA Ritabrata Banerjee for the post instead of the party's official nominee, Sovandeb Chattopadhyay. Just last week, the rebel camp elected Ritabrata as LoP and secured recognition from the Assembly Speaker.

RESORT POLITICS RETURNS

Poaching fears: MP Cong moves MLAs to K'taka

BHOPAL

The Congress took several of its MLAs in Madhya Pradesh, barring a few senior legislators, from Bhopal to Bengaluru on Wednesday ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls in the state on June 18, PTI reported.

The Congress is the ruling party in Karnataka and is in the Opposition in Madhya Pradesh.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Umang Singhar told the news agency that the Congress MLAs "will definitely go to the state where our government is in power". It is "important to keep an eye out because of the way BJP [Bharatiya Janata Party] is trying to cause disruptions", he said.

While 48 Congress MLAs boarded a flight on Tuesday afternoon, another batch of legislators was likely to travel the evening, The Hindu reported.

The 230-member Assembly is going to elect three members to the Rajya Sabha on June 18. With the Assembly's effective strength at 229, a candidate requires 58 first-preference votes to win.

Of these seats, the BJP has 164 MLAs excluding the speaker. While the Congress has 63 MLAs, its ally Bharat Adivasi Party one.

The BJP has the numbers to win two of the three seats as it needs 116 votes to do so. However, it will be left with 48 votes that are not sufficient to clinch the third seat.

As it stands, the Congress has 63 MLAs, giving it enough votes to win the third seat. This is despite the High Court having barred one MLA from voting. Another MLA's vote is uncertain because of a separate court petition seeking her disqualification.

The BJP initially fielded its National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and state unit Secretary Rajneesh Agrawal. It later named Mahesh Kewat, the chairman of the Madhya Pradesh Fishermen Welfare Board, as its third candidate.

The Congress has only fielded former MP Meenakshi Natarajan.

The BJP nominating the third candidate has led to concerns in the Congress' state leadership about possible poaching attempts.

The Congress' state chief Jitu Patwari said that while the BJP speaks about women's empowerment, it had "fielded a candidate against our women nominee despite lacking eight to ten MLAs."

Rahul pays last respects to Suraj Hegde in B'luru

BENGALURU : Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday paid his last respects to AICC secretary Suraj Hegde (55), who died of cardiac arrest late on Sunday night.

Accompanied by Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and former CM Siddaramaiah, Rahul visited Suraj's residence on BEL Road, where the mortal remains were kept. He consoled the grieving family members, including Suraj's wife Shilpa and their two sons. AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala were also present.

The cremation was held at the Hebbal crematorium on Tuesday afternoon.

Suraj, the grandson of former Chief Minister D Devaraj Urs, had worked closely with Rahul as the AICC secretary in charge of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu. He was also the vice chairman of the Karnataka State Guarantees Implementation Committee.

BJP-JDS, Cong spar over denial of RS nomination to Deve Gowda

BENGALURU

A political slugfest broke out between the Congress and JDS after the BJP declared M Nagaraja as its Rajya Sabha candidate from Karnataka.

Congress leaders called the move a humiliation to the JDS, saying that the BJP has denied a Rajya Sabha nomination to JDS patriarch and former PM HD Deve Gowda from Karnataka for a subsequent term.

AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said that the BJP has decided to field its former state-unit vice-president over a former PM. Hitting back, JD(S) urged Surjewala to recall what Congress did to Gowda when he was the PM. "Kannadigas have not forgotten Congress' betrayal even after 30 years."

QUICK READ

Free health camp benefits 650 police personnel in Bengaluru

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A free health check-up camp for police personnel was organised at various police stations in Bengaluru in collaboration with Aashirvaad by Aliaxis and Smile Foundation. The camp offered screenings for heart disease, hearing loss and eye-related ailmen ts, along with various diagnostic tests. Special con sultation facilities with gynecologists were also arra nged for women police pe rsonnel. Speaking on the occasion, Sudeep Agarwal, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate So cial Responsibility at Aashirva ad by Aliaxis, said the initia tive was aimed at cre ating awareness about the im po rtance of regular me dical check-ups for polic e personnel who work tirele ssly to ensure public safety.

Transgender groups clash near police station

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Tension prevailed near the Madiwala police station after a clash broke out between two groups of transgender people. According to reports, a scuffle between the groups escalated, with members of one group allegedly attacking the other. When the victims approached the Madiwala police station to file a complaint, another confrontation reportedly occurred between the rival groups. Alleging that police refused to register their complaint, the transgender persons staged a protest by blocking Hosur Road. Traffic movement was disrupted for some time as protesters repeatedly blocked the busy road, demanding police action and justice. Police later intervened to restore normal traffic flow.

Minor driving car injures two bikers; parents booked by police

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Two persons were injured after a car driven by a minor boy rammed into their motorcycle near BDA Park in Bengaluru. The injured have been identified as Arun Kumar and Vinay. According to police, the car hit the bike from behind, causing both riders to sustain injuries. After the accident, the driver allegedly attempted to flee the scene. However, local residents intercepted the vehicle and discovered that the driver was a minor. Following a complaint by the injured persons, the Jnanabharathi Traffic Police registered a case against the minor and his parents. Further investigation is underway.

Women to get smart cards; 5,000 new buses planned statewide

State to issue free smart cards and expand bus fleet

BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to introduce smart cards for women beneficiaries of the Shakti Yojana, enabling them to travel more efficiently and seamlessly on government-run buses across the state. Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh announced the initiative after officially assuming charge of the Transport Department.

The minister said more than three crore women are expected to benefit from the smart card system, which will be pro vided free of cost under the Shakti scheme. The cards will allow women to avail free travel benefits without the need for manual verification during every journey.

Byrathi Suresh said men will also be able to obtain similar smart cards by paying a prescribed fee, similar to the Metro card system. These cards can be recharged whenever the balance is exhausted. Given the large number of cards to be issued, the government plans to invite tenders for their production and distribution.

Officials have been instructed to initiate the process at the earliest and implement the project on a pilot basis before expanding it across the state.

After taking charge, the minister visited the headquarters of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and held a review meeting with senior officials of all four state-run transport corporations — KSRTC, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Kalyana Karnataka Road Tran sport Corporation (KKRTC).

Reviewing the performance of the department, Suresh said the Congress government's guarantee schemes have significantly improved the lives of citizens, especially women. He noted that the Shakti Yojana has benefited crores of women and increased bus ridership by nearly 40 per cent since its launch.

The minister also unveiled plans to strengthen public transport infrastructure by adding 5,000 new buses to the fleet. Of these, 1,000 buses will be purchased using state government funds.

"In addition, 4,000 electric buses will be procured with financial assistance from the Central government. These buses will be purchased in phases and distributed among the four transport corporations based on operational requirements," he said.

Emphasising passenger safety, particularly for women and girls, Byrathi Suresh directed officials to expedite the installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Systems (VLTS) in commercial vehicles, including taxis, cabs and other passenger transport vehicles.

The minister said the government remains committed to modernising public transport while ensuring safer, greener and more accessible mobility for all citizens.

Immuneel raises Rs 100 crore to expand affordable cancer therapies

BENGALURU

Immuneel Therapeutics, the cell and gene therapy compa ny founded by Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, has raised more than Rs 100 crore from a gro up of new investors, including Singularity AMC, Rainmatter by Zerodha and several high-net-worth individuals.

The company is focused on developing and commercialising advanced cell and gene therapies for cancer and other seri ous diseases. The fresh capital infusion is expe cted to accelerate its efforts to expand manufacturing capacity, strengthen research progr ammes and broaden access to life-saving treatments. Immuneel recently launched Qartemi, anappro ved CAR-T therapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, is now expanding its presence.

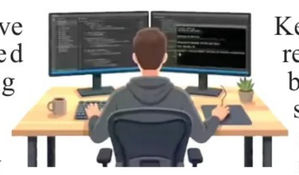
Cybersecurity talent crunch fuels massive job switching across India

BENGALURU

India's cybersecurity sector is witnessing intense competition for skilled professionals, with nearly one in five cybersecurity experts changing jobs annually amid growing demand and a widening talent gap, according to a report by Careernet.

The report estimates that annual mobility in India's cybersecurity workforce has reached 18.9 per cent, resulting in nearly 57,000 professionals switching employers every year. The trend reflects increasing demand for specialised cybersecurity expertise as organisations face escalating cyber threats and rapidly evolving technology environments.

India has emerged as a major hotspot in the global cyber threat landscape. Data from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) shows that cybersecurity incidents rose from 394,000 in 2019 to 1.5 million in 2023. The report estimates that incident volumes have nearly doubled again, reaching around 3 million cases in 2025.



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India currently has an estimated cybersecurity wor kforce of arou nd 300,000 professio nals, accounting for approxima tely 5.5 per cent of the global expe rienced cybersecurity talent pool of 5.5 million. However, workforce growth has struggled to keep pace with increasing cyber risks and the demand for advanced security capabilities.

The report notes that around 65,000 cybersecurity professi onals are actively seeking new opportunities, while employers are attempting to fill nearly 39,000 open positions. The annual talent pipeline adds between 40,000 and 60,000 professionals, but demand continues to outstrip supply in several specialised domains.

Key sectors driving recruitment include banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI), information technology and IT-enabled services, government and defence, telecommunications, and healthcare.

The highest attrition rates were reported in cloud-native and container security (26. 67 per cent), AI and machine learning security (25.97 percent), cloud and infrastructure security (23.04 per cent), endpoint security (22.92 per cent), and security operations and monitoring (22.24 per cent).

According to Anshuman Das, CEO and co-founder of Careernet, traditional areas such as governance, risk and compliance have relatively balanced talent availability. However, emerging domains including AI and ML security, privacy protection, cloud-native security, blockchain and Web3 security, and quantum-safe security continue to face severe demand- supply imbalances.

Demand exceeds talent supply

- Cloud and infrastructure security demand ratio: 104.2%
- Application security demand ratio: 123.3%
- Data security and data loss prevention demand ratio: 115.6%

These figures indicate that available job openings exceed the number of active candidates in several critical cybersecurity segments, highlighting the growing talent shortage in the sector.

India's cybersecurity talent ecosystem has largely evolved through the IT services industry and large security operations centres serving global clients.

While this model has created scale, experts believe it has not developed sufficient depth in newer technology-focused security disciplines.

KEA launches mentorship app to guide students through counselling process

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has launched a new mentorship platform, KEA Connect, aimed at helping students navigate the counselling and admission process by connecting them with seniors who secured seats through last year's counselling.

The initiative is designed to make counselling more transparent and student-friendly while reducing dependence on middlemen who often charge candidates for guidance.

Speaking about the programme, H. Prasanna, Executive Director of KEA, said the app will enable experienced students to mentor aspirants virtually and provide support throughout the counselling process. "Many students find counselling complicated and often fall prey to intermediaries. Through KEA Connect, we want to make the process hassle-free and accessible," he said.

Under the initiative, each senior student can mentor up to five candidates. Students who are not satisfied with their assigned mentor will have the op tion to reject the pairing and re quest a new mentor through the platform. KEA has used its database of last year's candidates to invite eligible students to join as mentors. Registration links have also been circulated thro ugh en gineering colleges to encourage participation. The program me is entirely voluntary. Studen ts logging into the KEA portal will receive a prompt as king whether they wish to enrol as mentees and seek guidance.

To ensure that mentoring does not interfere with academic commitments, guidance sessions will be limited to evening hours between 5 pm and 7 pm.

According to KEA, the respo nse has been encouraging. So far, 1,372 students have registe red as mentors, while 1,724 current candidates have signed up as mentees. The authority has al ready created 89 mentor-mentee pairs. In addition to the men torship initiative, KEA has intro duced chatbot kiosks at its renovated office to assist students with admission-related queries.

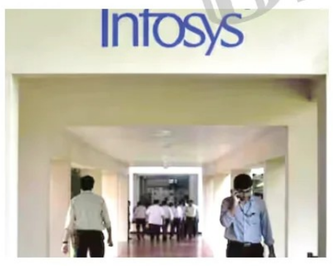
Infosys defers hiring assessments after detecting cheating and impersonation cases

BENGALURU

IT services major Infosys has postponed online and in-person hiring assessments for more than 20,000 job applicants after uncovering multiple instances of impersonation and malpractice during recruitment evaluations.

The company, which recruits students from around 300 to 400 colleges across India every year, deferred assessments for Specialist Programmer (Trainee) and Digital Specialist Engineer (Trainee) positions after detecting attempts to manipulate the evaluation process.

Following the discovery, Infosys introduced additional safeguards and verification mechanisms aimed at protecting the integrity of its recruitment system. In a communication sent to candidates, the company informed applicants



that the scheduled assessments had been deferred and that revised dates would be announced once a new evaluation plan is finalised. "We truly appreciate your flexibility and understanding. The revised exam date will be shared with all registered candidates in due course," the company stated in its email.

Infosys clarified that both the online hiring examination and in-person evaluations for the affected roles have been postponed. The company said all impacted candidates have been informed and fresh schedules will be communicated soon.

Despite the deferment, Infosys stressed that its hiring commitments remain unchanged.

"This deferment does not impact our hiring plans. We remain focused on identifying, hiring and nurturing top talent," the company said. The Bengaluru-headquartered technology giant continues to recruit aggressively from campuses acro ss the country. During FY26, Infosys added more than 20,000 fresh graduates and has indicated a similar intake target for FY27. The company conducts its online screening and talent assessment programmes through its digital learning platform, Springboard. The platform has reached over 15 million users, including students, educators, employees, client workforces and community members through various digital skilling initiatives.

HC upholds BWSSB's power to lay sewer lines on pvt land

BENGALURU

In a significant ruling with implications for Bengaluru's infrastructure projects, the Karnataka High Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 77 of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Act, which empowers the water utility to lay sewerage pipelines through private land without acquiring the property or paying compensation in advance.

The ruling came from a single-judge bench headed by Justice Suraj Govindaraj after hearing a batch of petitions filed by T.N. Chandrashekar Gowda, an 80-year-old woman identified as Jethronica, and others. The petitioners had challenged the BWSSB's decision to install sewerage pipelines across their land, arguing that it infringed upon their property rights.

Rejecting the challenge, the court observed that special powers granted to the BWSSB are necessary to ensure effective urban sanitation and public health management in a rapidly growing metropolis like Bengaluru. The bench noted that the civic life of a large city depends heavily on efficient water supply and sewerage systems. Since drainage infrastructure is vital for public health, environmental protection and urban development, larger public interest must prevail over individual inconvenience in such cases.

CBSE evaluation concerns push students towards PU colleges

BENGALURU

Growing concerns over alleged evaluation errors in the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) On-Screen Marking (OSM) system are prompting a noticeable shift of students from CBSE schools to Pre-University (PU) colleges in Bengaluru.

Several schools have reported students withdrawing from Class 11 admissions despite forfeiting advance fees, reflecting a deepening trust deficit among parents and students. Many fear that inconsistencies in CBSE evaluation, particularly in core subjects such as Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics, could affect their future academic prospects.

The concern is particularly significant in Karnataka, where admissions to professional cour ses consider an equal weighta ge of marks obtained in the Common Entrance Test (CET) and Class 12 board examinations. Parents worry that lower scores in CBSE assessments could place students at a disadvantage compared to their PU counterparts.

A senior secondary coordinator at a CBSE school in Bengaluru said five students recently withdrew from Class 11 after the CBSE controversy surfac ed. "Our admissions began in November and continued until March. Students paid a deposit of ₹30,000. Despite not receiving refunds, five students chose to leave because their parents were worried about the uncertainty surrounding CBSE evaluation," the teacher said.

BOON FOR HOMEOWNERS

BESCOM expands OC relaxation, offers major relief to homeowners

BENGALURU

In a significant relief for homeowners across Bengaluru, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has clarified that residential buildings measuring up to 2,400 squ are feet will not require an Occupan cy Certificate (OC) to obtain a permanent electricity connection, provided construction was completed before May 31, 2026.

The decision effectively broa dens the Karnataka government's recent relaxation of OC

norms and resolves widespread confusion among homeowners, builders and electrical contractors regarding eligibility for permanent power connections.

The uncertainty arose after the state government, acting on an announcement by Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, exempted houses up to 2,400 sqft from the OC requirement that had become mandatory following a Supreme Court directive. However, the government order appeared to suggest that only applications submitted before May 31 would qualify for the relaxation.

This triggered concerns among thousands of homeowners who were unable to apply earlier because BESCOM offices had reportedly stopped accepting applications from properties lacking approved building plans after the Supreme Court's December 2024 ruling.

Homeowners and electrical contractors argued that the cut-off condition was unfair, as many applicants had no opportunity to submit requests during the period of uncertainty.

Satish Kumar, a resident of Kengeri, said he completed construction of his house in October 2025 and moved in the following month using a temporary electricity connection.

"When I approached BESCOM for a permanent connection, officials refused to accept my application citing the Supreme Court order. We continued to live with a temporary connection. It is unfair to insist on a cut-off date when applications were not even being accepted," he said.

The Karnataka Electrical Con tractors' Association (KECA) also welcomed the clarification. KECA president C. Ramesh pointed out that applications under the Sakala framework remain valid only for a limited period and lapse if not proces sed within the stipulated timeframe. "Most homeowners wai ted for clarity from the government instead of repeatedly filing fresh applications," he said.

Contractors have also sought clarification regarding commercial buildings and paying guest accommodations, arguing that a broader interpretation of the relaxation could benefit nearly five lakh buildings instead of on ly a few thousand. A senior BE SCOM official clarified that eligible homeowners will not lose the benefit of the exemption.

QUICK READ

Police warn parents over allowing minors to drive

BELAGAVI

Traffic police in Belagavi caught a minor boy driving a car near Rani Channamma Circle on Monday morning at around 10:50 am and acted quickly. The boy was taken into custody along with the vehicle and brought to the police station for further action. Later, his parents were called to the station and informed about the incident and legal process. Police issued a notice under the Motor Vehicles Act and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on the vehicle owner, who is the boy's father, for allowing a minor to drive. Official Bhushan Borase warned parents on road safety rules.

Urs program concludes with unity prayers

KOPPAL

An Urs program at Jagadguru Khadar Linga Dargah and Hazrat Sailani Bhasha Dargah in Koppal concluded successfully after a week of religious events including qawwali, gandha urs, and spiritual talks. It concluded on Tuesday with a mass prayer and food offering during Ziarat, led by dargah leaders Syed Imam Hussain and Syed Azhar Hussain. Hundreds of Hindu and Muslim devotees, including men and women, participated with devotion, and the event concluded peacefully with prayers and messages of harmony and unity in the region and the program marked communal harmony in Koppal district with strong participation from local communities seen widely.

Applications open for diploma courses in Gadag

GADAG

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to Civil, Mechanical, Electronics and Communication, and Computer Science diploma courses at Government Polytechnic Gadag for the academic year 2026-27 through offline mode. Candidates who have passed ITI or Second PUC Science in technical subjects can apply. The last date for submission of applications is June 23. Forms and information booklet are available on jana.chidi.gov.it and applications must be submitted with original documents. For details, contact the college office.

Bommai asks banks to boost agricultural credit support

Priority sector lending achieved 99 percent overall; agriculture nearly met, taluks mixed, major banks outperformed smaller banks significantly

GADAG

Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai asked banks to speed up Mudra loans and agricultural credit during a district review meeting in Gadag on Tuesday. Praising banks role, he said banking should support economic growth and help farmers, Dalits, backward classes and women through more credit facilities.

Bommai said agriculture is the backbone of the economy and urged banks to ensure more farmers benefit from low interest and government supported loans. He explained that growth in farming increases income, boosts consumption and helps industries and services expand across the economy. He said banks must support self help groups, women groups, small industries and young entrepreneurs through government schemes and easy loans. He stressed expanding rural banking, opening more branches and increasing loans under the Mudra scheme to encourage self employment.

Officials reported strong progress in priority sector lending, with overall achievement near ninety nine percent and agriculture sector almost fully met. Different taluks showed mixed results, while major banks and nationalised banks performed better than regional and smaller finance banks in targets.

The meeting also reviewed several government schemes including Mudra, PMEGP and pension and insurance programs with senior officials present. He also directed banks to ensure timely crop damage compensation, support Vishwakarma community youth training and improve self employment opportunities in rural areas. Praising the overall system, he expressed dissatisfaction with Karnataka Bank performance and asked all banks to remove regional imbalance and focus on poor people empowerment.

Bommai said strong banking support can boost district development, increase investment and strengthen the rural economy when banks work with farmers and communities.

Senior officials including MLA C C Patil, Deputy Commissioner C N Sridhar, Zilla Panchayat officials, RBI representatives and NABARD officers participated in the meeting and shared inputs on banking progress and government scheme implementation across Gadag district.

Concluding the meeting, Bommai said inclusive growth depends on strong banking reach, better loan delivery and active participation of financial institutions in rural development and farmer welfare across the district. He added that farmers must be prioritised for sustainable economic progress in Karnataka.

Govt offices to take pledge against child labour

KOPPAL

Dr Suresh Itnal urged collective action to end child labour, with awareness drives in Koppal under the "Red card to child labour" campaign on June 12.

Dr. Suresh B Itnal, District Collector and President of Koppal District Child Labour Scheme Society, said that all government offices must take a pledge on June 12 on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour.

Officials said the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act bans employment of children below 14 years and restricts hazardous work for those aged 14 to 18 years.

They added that fines have been increased to fifty thousand rupees and police stations are registering FIRs in such cases.

The Union Labour Ministry and Karnataka Labour Department have prepared action plans to eliminate child labour and create child labour free zones through coordinated efforts.

Dr Suresh Itnal said that all departments, voluntary organisations and citizens must work together to completely eradicate child labour and ensure strict implementation of laws.

The district administration said that this year's theme Red card to child labour Fair play for children decent work for adults will guide awareness programmes across Koppal district and all villages will participate in pledge activities on June 12.

Officials said the International Labour Organization United Nations and state departments are jointly working to make Karnataka child labour free through strict enforcement awareness and community participation.

Authorities appealed to all stakeholders including teachers parents and local bodies to actively identify and report child labour cases and support rehabilitation efforts so that no child is deprived of education safety and dignity and urged continuous monitoring at village level to ensure effective implementation of government schemes and create a safe future for every child in the district.

Danamma reviewed public water supply feedback, ordered quick solutions, ensured regular drinking water, and 24x7 connections within a week

Magistrate Danamma reviews development works in Shiggaon

SHIGGAON

District Magistrate Dr Vijaya Mahantesh Danamma visited several places in Shiggaon taluk to review development works and public services on Tuesday. He first visited the Naviludham and Kilari breed cow breeding center in Bankapura town and collected information from officials about animal care and management activities.

Later he inspected the historic Nagareshwara temple and reviewed development and maintenance works at the site. He also reviewed the 24x7 drinking water supply project in Bankapur Municipality and interacted with residents in Jaragatti Kottigeri and Sunkadakatti wards.

He collected feedback from the public on water supply and instructed officials to solve problems quickly and ensure regular drinking water supply. He directed that houses without 24x7 water connection should be provided supply within one week and asked staff to work in coordination.

He also visited Shishuvinal village and inspected Sri Sant Shishuvinal Sharif Theme Park construction and instructed officials to complete work with quality and speed. He said development works must be completed efficiently to improve public services across the district.

Officials said the visit aimed to strengthen monitoring of government schemes and ensure timely delivery of basic facilities to citizens in rural areas. They added that regular field inspections help improve accountability and allow quick resolution of issues related to water supply roads and public infrastructure in the taluk. The District Magistrate emphasized coordination between departments and instructed staff to respond promptly to public complaints and maintain quality in all ongoing works.

Temple theft spree ends with arrest

KARWAR

A series of temple thefts that had worried residents across Karwar taluk came to an end after police arrested a man accused of stealing valuable items from several places of worship. The accused was identified as Vinay Dayanand Gaonkar from Gindiwada. Police recovered stolen bells, lamps, aarti items and other brass articles valued at around Rs. 87,000.

The thefts were reported from different temples over the past few weeks. On May 20, around 50 kilograms of brass items were stolen from the Dasamaruthi Temple on Habbuvada Road. A few days later, lamps were taken from the Vitthal Rukhumai Temple in Asroti. On May 31, thieves broke open the donation box at the Jayamaruti Temple in Chendia village and escaped with Rs. 21,000 and two brass bells.

The accused also targeted the Ramasati Devi Temple in Mukheri Sasanwada on June 4 and later struck at the Kaloba Devara Temple in Mallarwada, Sadashivagad, on June 5. Complaints from temple authorities led police to launch a detailed investigation.

After gathering clues from different cases, officers intensified their search and arrested the suspect. During questioning, he admitted to the thefts and helped police recover the stolen property.

Davanagere seeks stronger representation in K'taka cabinet

DAVANAGERE

The race for ministerial berths in Karnataka has intensified in Davanagere district, with several Congress leaders emerging as strong contenders for inclusion in the expected second phase of cabinet expansion. Supporters of senior leaders have increased their efforts, demanding fair representation for the district in the state cabinet.

Political discussions in the district have largely focused on the prospects of S S Mallikarjun, Shivaganga Basavaraj and D G Shantanagouda. Many party workers and supporters believe Davanagere deserves stronger representation in the cabinet and have urged the Congress high command to consider leaders from the district.

Meanwhile, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan has become the subject of political controversy after an audio clip allegedly linked to him went viral on social media. The authenticity of the audio has not been officially confirmed. However, the issue has triggered debate within political circles and led to demands for an investigation into the matter.

Supporters of Zameer Ahmed in Davanagere have expressed disappointment over reports that he may not be considered for a ministerial position in the upcoming cabinet expansion.

Several community leaders have openly supported him, describing him as a leader who enjoys support across different sections of society.

At the same time, demands for a ministerial berth for S S Mallikarjun have grown stronger. His supporters argue that the district should be represented in the cabinet and believe he should be given priority. There have also been calls for consideration of D G Shantanagouda and Shivaganga Basavaraj, both of whom have strong support bases in their constituencies.

With cabinet expansion expected soon, political activity in Davanagere continues to gain momentum as leaders and supporters await the final decision of the Congress high command.

PARIVARTAN LEARNING CENTRE BOOSTS SKILLS FOR YOUTH

HANAGAL

MLA Srinivas Mane said livelihood education is important for financial empowerment and family well-being while speaking at certificate distribution program for Ariwork and Beautician training organized by Parivartan Learning Centre of Humanity Foundation at Loyola Vikas Centre.

She said every person needs work for economic strength and rural areas also have job opportunities. In rising prices time, home based work is becoming necessary and villages must explore jobs beyond agriculture. The Parivartan Learning Centre is giving training and guidance and trainees should use skills for empowerment. Swati Malagi, president of Humanity Foundation, said girls are moving towards employment and skill development is top priority.

Prof. Maruti Shidlapura, Administrator of Parivartan Kalika Kendra, delivered inaugural address. Jayson Payas, Co-Director of Loyola Vikas Kendra, read preamble to Constitution. Trainers Parvin and Jaishika conducted Ariwork and Beautician training. Participants shared experiences after receiving certificates. The programme encouraged youth to take advantage of skill based jobs and improve livelihood in local areas. Speakers said such initiatives help in economic empowerment of poor families and create self-reliance.

The event concluded with prayers and thanks by organizers. We encourage women to use opportunities for independent income and confidence building through continuous learning. Such training centres help bridge gap between education and employment in rural regions and support sustainable development goals in the district.

Darideepa camp boosts rural women employment opportunities

GADAG

The closing ceremony and certificate distribution of the free bag making camp organized by Darideepa Women's Multipurpose Organization will be held on June 10 at 11:30 am at Sri Guru Sachchidananda Math in Hudco Colony, said president Shakuntala Khulagunda. Women empowerment training camp by Darideepa aimed to help women become self reliant and learn bag making skills has concluded successfully with many participants benefitting from it. Krishnagoud H Patil of District Youth Congress will be chief guest and distribute certificates and encourage trainees at the ceremony. The program is guided by Shakuntala Khulagunda and committee members working for women's growth in Gadag district. Organizers have invited women from Gadag district to attend the ceremony at Sri Guru Sachchidananda Math and make the program successful.

SERVICE-OVER-PUBLICITY

Community leaders stress welfare of needy people

GADAG

Hanumanthappa Rampur, Karnataka Savita Samaj state leader, said that real leadership is service to people and not publicity or personal gain. He said leaders become respected only when they share people's problems, speak for the poor, and ensure government benefits reach the most needy.

At a program in Gadag, members of Savita Samaj honored social worker Manjunath Mane for his service and community work.

During the event, it was noted that more than 250 unorganized workers received identity cards with support from community leaders and the labour department.

He also said some office bearers misuse positions for name and power instead of working for society's development and welfare. Speakers praised Manjunath Mane and said his work inspires youth and sports teams in the Savita Samaj community. Many members, including cricket players and leaders, attended the program and made the event successful with active participation.

The leaders urged young people to follow honest and selfless service in public life for the progress of the community and society.

They said that true development can only happen when every member works with responsibility, unity, and dedication towards common welfare goals. They added that the efforts of Manjunath Mane and other active members show how community service can improve social awareness and trust.

They also stressed that government schemes must reach every eligible family without delay to reduce inequality and financial stress in rural areas. Community members expressed hope that such initiatives will continue and bring long-term positive change to society and inspire future generations.

Tourism Department enhances safety at Karwar beaches

KARWAR

Tourism Department has taken several safety steps for tourists visiting major beaches and waterfalls in Karwar district. Warning boards have been placed at eight important beaches including Ankola Riverside, Honnagadde, Gokarna, Kudle, Om, Dhareshwar, Heda Port, Apsarakonda and Murudeshwar. New watchtowers have also been set up at Murudeshwar, Gokarna, Om and Kudle beaches.

More lifeguards have been appointed to ensure visitor safety during the tourist season. Warning boards have also been installed near major waterfalls of the district including Vibhuti in Ankola, Bennehole in Sirsi, Muregara, Sivaganga, Mattigatta, Unchalli and Burude in Siddapur and Satodi in Yellapur. The Tourism Department has also written to the Home Guard Department seeking 13 personnel for safety duty near waterfalls. Six workers have been appointed for cleanliness at Karwar beach and the beach cleaning machine has been repaired and restarted for public use.

QUICK READ

3-day TT tournament in Mysuru

Mysuru

Mysore District Table Tennis Association will conduct LIC CUP Karnataka State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament-2026 at Mysore University Gymnasium Hall, Maharaja College Grounds, Mysore from 18th to 21st June'2026Events U-11/U-13/U-15/U-17/U-19 in Boys and Girls Category along with Men's & Women's Singles Entries may be registered through the online link https://karnatakatabletennis.in/ and submit their entries. last date for submitting entries is June 14. More details contact Rohit 94487 50558.

Interruption in power supply today

Mysuru

Owing to first-quarter maintenance works at the 66/11 KV KHB and 66/11 KV DMG Halli power distribution centres under the V.V. Mohalla Division, power supply will be interrupted on June 10 from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Areas under 66/11 KV KHB Distribution Centre

Hootagalli KHB Colony, Vijayanagar 4th Stage C Block, Hunsur Main Road, Hinkal, Mahalakshmi Layout, Nanneshwara Nagar, Aditya Layout, Kaveri Layout, Gokuldas Industries, areas around Belavadi Petrol Bunk, Lingadevarakoppalu, Kirloskar Industries, Honda Showroom, Titan Wall Industries, Gohalli, Jattihundi, K. Hemmanahalli, Ganagarahundi, Sahukarhundi, Madagalli, Basavanapura, areas around Maratikyathanahalli Gate, Belavadi and surrounding localities.

Areas under 66/11 KV DMG Halli Distribution Centre

DMG Halli, Mariyanahundi, Kattehundi, Manikyapura, Karakanahalli, Madalli, Shettinayakanahalli, Nuggehalli, Kumarabeedu, Beerihundi, Kamarahalli village, Doddahattihundi and surrounding villages, according to Executive Engineer of CESC, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Commissioning of new 66 KV transmission line: Advisory issued

Mysuru

A new 66/11 KV sub-station and 66 KV double-circuit transmission line have been constructed at Vasanthanagar in Mysuru city. The line is proposed to be commissioned on any day after June 30.The transmission line extends approximately 0.08 km and is connected to the existing 66 KV Vajamangala–Devanur (Mysuru) transmission line, supplying power to the newly established 66/11 KV Vasanthanagar distribution centre.The public has been warned against climbing towers, touching conductors, tying cattle to towers, planting trees beneath them, throwing ropes or metallic objects onto the structures, or flying kites nearby, as these actions pose serious risks to life and property. KPTCL officials have reiterated that the corporation will not be liable for any accidents resulting from violation of these safety guidelines.

Bengaluru to host RISE 2026 national innovation conference

The conference will unite researchers, industries, startups and policymakers to promote innovation-driven growth and technological self-reliance

MYSURU

A two-day national conference titled Research, Industry, Startup and Entrepreneurship (RISE)-2026 will be held in Bengaluru on June 13 and 14 with the objective of accelerating economic growth, technology transfer and innovation-driven entrepreneurship in the country.

Addressing a press conference in Mysuru on Tuesday, CFTRI Director Dr. Giridhar Parvatam said the summit is being jointly organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) and the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI). The event will take place at the HAL

VM Ghatage Convention Centre in Bengaluru. Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the conference. CSIR Director General and DSIR Secretary Dr. N. Kalaiselvi will participate as the guest of honour. The valedictory function on June 14 will be attended by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and MP Tejasvi Surya.

The conference will be held under the theme "Innovation and Entrepreneurship-Driven Growth for Viksit Bharat 2047." It aims to bring together research institutions, industries, startups, academic organisations, policymakers, investors and students on a common platform to promote innovation-led economic development and technological self-reliance.

Dr. Parvatam said the summit is being organised around the vision of "Whole Government, Whole Society, Whole Science and Whole Innovation." It reflects India's commitment to transforming scientific research into commercially viable products, technologies and enterprises. Strengthening collaboration among laboratories, universities, industries and startups is expected to play a key role in building a robust innovation ecosystem aligned with the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.

More than 100 organisations, including CSIR, ISRO, DST, DBT, ICAR and ICMR, along with startups, MSMEs and technology developers, will showcase cutting-edge innovations and market-ready technologies. The summit will also serve as a platform for technology transfer, commercialisation, industry partnerships, investment networking and entrepreneurial growth.

Several thematic sessions will be conducted on aerospace technologies for national development, science communication, artificial intelligence from societal and ethical perspectives, agri-food innovation pathways from laboratory to market, startup development, venture capital, investment ecosystems and aligning academic research with industry requirements.

Scientists Prof. R.S. Mache, Dr. Vikas Singh Chauhan, Dr. A.A. Inamdar, Raghunandan M.V., Dr. Ramprasad T.R., Dr. Suhas R.

Cloth merchant kills family, dies by suicide

MANDYA

A shocking incident of murder and suicide was reported from Nehru Nagar in Mandya, where a cloth merchant allegedly killed his wife and son before ending his own life due to financial stress and business losses.

The deceased were identified as Prabhakar, his wife Jyoti and their son Santosh. According to police, Prabhakar first strangled his wife and son at their rented house during the night. He later went to his cloth shop and died by suicide by hanging.

Santosh had got married only a month ago. Police said Santosh and his wife were sleeping in a separate room while Prabhakar and Jyoti slept in another room. In the morning, Santosh's wife discovered the bodies after going to wake up her mother-in-law. She reportedly told police that she did not hear any sounds during the night because a fan was running.

A successful placement drive 2026 held at VVSITI

MYSURU

Vidyavardhaka Sangha Industrial Training Institute (VVSITI), Mysuru, in association with TNS India Foundation and Rotary Club of Vijayanagar, Mysuru, successfully organized the Campus Placement Drive – 2026 at the VVCE Kempegowda Sports Complex.

The placement drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and representatives of several leading industries and organizations. The event provided a valuable platform for young job seekers to interact directly with employers and explore career opportunities across various sectors.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of distinguished dignitaries. Vishwananda H.M., Technical Director – Procurement & Maintenance, MGM Forgings Bharat Private Limited, attended as the Chief Guest. The event was presided over by P Vishwanath, Secretary Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru. Other dignitaries present included, Ravishankar K.C., Deputy Director, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, S. Shivalingaiah, Harisha, Rtn. Puttaraju B.M, Harisha M S and Harinakshi B.N., Principal, VVS ITI, Mysuru.

A major highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mitsubishi Diesel Engine aimed at strengthening industry-academia collaboration, enhancing skill development, and improving employment opportunities for students.

Municipal corporation posts encouraging financial year performance

HUBBALLI

The Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation has made a strong start to the financial year by collecting ₹121 crore in property tax during April and May. The amount represents 37.33 percent of the annual collection target and reflects an encouraging response from property owners across the twin cities.

Despite the positive beginning, the civic body still faces the task of collecting the remaining 62.67 percent of the target during the next ten months. Officials are confident that sustained efforts and public cooperation will help achieve the goal before the end of the financial year.

Last year, the corporation collected ₹201 crore in property tax. For the current year, the target has been increased to ₹250 crore. In addition, about ₹87 crore in pending tax dues remains to be recovered. This brings the total amount expected to be collected during the year to ₹337 crore.

To encourage taxpayers, the corporation has extended the five percent rebate on property tax payments until the end of June. Earlier, the concession was available only until April. Officials said the extension was made in the public interest and urged residents, business owners and other taxpayers to take advantage of the benefit before the deadline.

The corporation extended the 5% property tax rebate until June-end, urging residents and businesses to avail the benefit before the deadline

According to civic records, the corporation has around 3.50 lakh properties under its jurisdiction. These include nearly 1.86 lakh residential properties, 38,000 commercial establishments and about 1.30 lakh vacant sites. However, officials believe the actual number of properties could be much higher.

To obtain accurate data, the corporation has launched a ₹24 crore GIS-based survey, the first of its kind in the state. Around 75 percent of the work has already been completed, and door-to-door verification is currently underway. The survey is expected to help identify unassessed properties and improve tax collection efficiency.

Municipal Commissioner Dr. Rudresh Ghali said the corporation is closely monitoring tax defaulters and conducting special drives in industrial and commercial areas. He noted that daily collections range between ₹50 lakh and ₹60 lakh and expressed confidence that the annual target will be achieved if the present momentum continues steadily throughout this year.

Parameshwara praised Venkataramanappa's honesty and dedication, saying he championed common people's interests and left a lasting public legacy

DCM Parameshwara pays tribute to veteran people's leader

PAVAGADA

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara paid tribute to former minister Venkataramanappa and described him as a leader deeply committed to public welfare. He said the veteran politician's death was a major loss not only to Pavagada taluk but also to the entire state.

Speaking at the Vaikuntha Samaradhana held in Hanumanthanahalli of Y.N. Hosakote hobli, Parameshwara offered condolences to the bereaved family and paid floral respects to Venkataramanappa's portrait. He recalled their long association and said they had worked together as legislators and ministers, which strengthened their friendship over the years.

Parameshwara praised Venkataramanappa for his simplicity, honesty and dedication to serving ordinary people. He said the late leader always stood for the interests of common citizens and remained a strong voice for public concerns throughout his political career. He added that his contributions to society and public life would be remembered for a long time.

Expressing sorrow over the loss, Parameshwara said the state had lost a respected leader who worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people. He prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and wished strength for the family and supporters to overcome their grief.

The programme was attended by religious leaders, elected representatives, former legislators and a large number of admirers.

Special prayers were offered for the departed leader, and speakers remembered his service, leadership and lasting impact on the community and public life.

SWR Mysuru Division observed International Level Crossing Awareness Day

MYSURU

South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, observed International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) – 2026 on Tuesday, in accordance with the directives of the Railway Board.

The observance aimed to create awareness among road users about safe practices at level crossings and to prevent accidents caused by negligence and unsafe crossing habits.

As part of the campaign, a special awareness programme was organized at Level Crossing Gate No. 04 between Mysuru and Ashokapuram Railway Stations at 8:45 am. The programme was led by Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, Mudit Mittal, along with Additional Divisional Railway Manager Shammas Hameed and other senior officers of the division.

The officers inspected the level crossing and interacted with road users to spread awareness on the importance of adhering to safety rules while crossing railway tracks.

Addressing the gathering, the DRM emphasized that safety at level crossings is a shared responsibility. The road users must exercise caution and strictly follow safety regulations while approaching and crossing railway level crossings. People should always stop, look, and listen before crossing, never attempt to cross when the gate is closed or warning signals are operating, avoid rushing through the crossing, refrain from using mobile phones or other distractions, follow the instructions of gatekeepers and railway staff, and use only authorized level crossings instead of trespassing across railway tracks.

The awareness campaign featured the distribution of safety pamphlets, interactive sessions with road users, and live demonstrations on safe crossing practices.

VVCE Students Shine on Global Stage with Cutting-Edge AI Research

MYSURU

Students of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, have achieved international recognition as their research paper has been accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Industrial Digital Twins for Smart Manufacturing (ICIDTSM 2026), organized by IIT Madras.

The paper, titled "A Hybrid Contextual Reasoning Architecture for Fully Offline Conversational AI on Resource-Constrained Edge Devices", presents a novel system called PRISM (Priority Ranked Inference with Sensor Memory).

The system enables advanced conversational AI to run entirely offline on low-cost hardware such as the Raspberry Pi 4B with only 4 GB RAM, without requiring any internet or cloud connectivity. This makes intelligent AI more accessible, private, and reliable, especially in remote and connectivity-limited environments.

The research was carried out by undergraduate students Karthik M, Kiran A V, Om M Doddamani, Kishor A V, and Jeevan Nullipady Mallya. The project reflects several months of dedicated learning, experimentation, and teamwork. The team expressed sincere gratitude to their guide, Dr. A. B. Rajendra, for his constant encouragement and valuable guidance. They also thanked Dr. Pooja M R, Head of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, and Dr. Preema N S, Head of the Department of Information Science & Engineering, for their support.

"None helped Suraj Hegde, Grandson of former CM Devaraj Urs"

MYSURU

Expressing deep sorrow over the demise of Suraj Hegde, Mysuru Rural District Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar said it was a great tragedy that no one came forward to support Suraj Hegde, the grandson of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, who had provided opportunities for hundreds of people to grow in public life.

Speaking at a condolence meeting held at the Congress Bhavan in the city on Tuesday, Vijay Kumar said that Devaraj Urs was a statesman who practiced politics in a manner that became a model for both the state and the nation. Many politicians who had benefited from his support and guidance and later rose to positions of power could have helped Suraj Hegde secure a place in the Legislative Assembly if they had chosen to do so. They could not repay the debt they owed to his grandfather. At the very least, they could have honoured that legacy by helping his grandson.

Recalling his close association with Suraj Hegde, Vijay Kumar said that both of them were aspirants for the Congress ticket during the 2019 elections. When they met Siddaramaiah seeking the party ticket, they jointly told him that the ticket could be given to either one of them, as they had mutual understanding and agreement. Unfortunately, neither of them got the ticket and it was eventually given to Vijay Shankar.

He further expressed concern over the increasing number of deaths among dedicated Congress workers. Over the past ten years, nearly 50 Congress workers at the city and rural levels have passed away. Even now, many party workers are suffering from various health problems and losing their lives. In view of this, the party should establish an emergency fund to support such workers and their families.

City Congress President R. Murthy, General Secretary Shivanna, former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna, Modamani, and several other party leaders and workers were present.

QUICK READ

Water supply disruption planned in Mandya city

CH NEWS, Mandya Maintenance work at the 66/11 KV power substation in Srirangapatna taluk, which supplies electricity to the Mandya Nagar water supply system, will be carried out by CE SC on June 11 from 10 am to 6 pm. Due to this, water supply will be disrup ted in Mandya on June 11 and 12. An official from Ma ndya sub-division said residents should cooperate and sto re water in advance. Assistant Executive En gineer of Mandya sub- division stated in a release that the maintenance is necessary for smooth fun ctioning of the water suppl y system and reque sted public understanding during the temporary inconvenience.

Direct interview job drive announced in Mandya

CH NEWS, Mandya The Mandya District Employment Exchange Office, in association with SK Safety Wing Pvt Ltd, ICICI and Incast Missions, has organized a direct interview on June 12 at 10 am at the District Employment Exchange Office in Mandya. Vacancies include Warehouse Associates for picking, packing, scanning, sorting and stowing, along with roles like relationship manager, welder and fitter. Candida tes who have passed SSLC, PUC, ITI in welder or fitter trades, or any degree, and aged between 18 and 50 years, can attend with resume. Drive aims to provide local job opportunities widely. For more information contact 916464 2684, 9113500761, 91138 75775 and 9741939716.

Govt extends housing scheme deadline for urban applicants

CH NEWS, Chitradurga The online application deadline for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban housing scheme for 2025-26 has been extended till June 30. Eligible groups include single women, senior citizens, disabled persons, transgender people, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes and minorities. Sanitation workers, street vendors, Vishwakarma scheme workers, Anganwadi workers, construction workers and migrant families can also apply. Residents of Hiriyur Municipal Corporation should apply online at pmay.urban.gov.in. They can also visit Ashraya/Vasati Branch for guidance. Officials advised applicants to complete submissions carefully and use the extended time for benefits.

Chief Justice to launch plantation programme

Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru will launch a five crore sapling drive at Muddenahalli on June 13 for environment protection

CHIKKABALLAPURA

Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru will launch a five crore sapling plantation programme on June 13 at Sathya Sai village in Muddenahalli as part of World Environment Day activities.

District Principal Judge T P Ramalingegowda said the large scale tree plantation drive is being organised by the State Legal Services Authority along with the District Administration and partner institutions with the aim of environmental protection. He said the programme reflects the message that protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility and it will officially begin in Chikkaballapura district.

Officials said the event will also be attended by senior judges and members of the

State Legal Services Authority including H Shashidhar Shetty along with other dignitaries. As part of the initiative, five lakh saplings will be planted in Chikkaballapura district this year and citizens have been urged to protect and nurture the planted trees.

The District Legal Services Authority also announced that court proceedings in Manchenahalli and Chelur will function in rented buildings twice a week until permanent court infrastructure is completed.

Officials said land identification for new court buildings is under progress and steps are being taken to strengthen judicial facilities in the district. They also informed that new judges have been appointed to Chintamani and Gudibande courts and will assume duty from June 15 to clear pending cases faster.

A Bruhat Lok Adalat will be held on July 11 across all courts in the district where citizens are encouraged to settle disputes through compromise. Officials said more than one lakh twelve thousand cases have already been resolved through earlier Lok Adalats and around sixteen thousand cases are ready for the upcoming session.

District Legal Services Authority Member Secretary B Shilpa was also present at the briefing and supported the appeal for public participation in legal awareness and environmental initiatives.

DC directed review of NITK's Hamilton Circle redesign and fast-tracked Pumpwell bus stand land allocation to ease traffic and improve transport

Strict action planned to improve traffic flow in Mangaluru

MANGALURU

Deputy Commissioner Darshan H V has directed the city corporation and police department to jointly inspect junctions and roundabouts and take immediate steps to ensure smooth traffic movement across the district. He gave the instructions while chairing the District Road Safety Committee meeting held at the District Commissioner's office on Tuesday.

Officials said complaints have increased about traffic congestion due to illegal parking, roadside encroachments and street vending at major junctions and roads in the city.

The Deputy Commissioner said all concerned departments including urban local bodies, RTO and police must coordinate and take strict action to improve traffic flow.

National Highways Authority of India Project Director Abdullah Javid Azmi said several safety measures including signals, zebra crossings and speed control systems have been introduced on key highway stretches. He added that divider openings causing accidents have been closed at several locations and road widening and underpass works are pr ogressing in key areas including Baikampady and Nanthur.

Officials also raised concerns about encroachments at major junctions like Kallapu, Jeppinamogaru and Thokkottu and demanded immediate clearance action. The issue of fish truck water leakage causing bad smell and road pollution was also discussed and officials suggested building treatment tanks at entry points like Talapady and Mulki to solve the problem.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed officials to review scientific redesign proposals for Hamilton Circle submitted by NITK and take necessary action. He also directed that bus stand land allocation at Pumpwell be completed quickly to ease city traffic and improve public transport operations.

Police officials reported strict enforcement action including over 1800 drunk driving cases and suspension of 384 driving licenses due to violations and accidents in the district. Authorities said continuous coordination between departments is essential to reduce accidents and ensure safer and smoother traffic movement across Mangaluru city.

Ingaladal school hosts unity workshop for students

CHITRADURGA

A National Unity Workshop 2026-27 was inaugurated at Sanchalappa Nayak High School in Ingaladal village near Chitradurga for students to promote unity and national integration. He said India is a country of unity in diversity and people should follow the mantra of unity beyond caste and religion. He also said learning language culture and heritage helps children feel proud of being Indians.

Dr B M Gurunath, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department, presided and said communal tensions are a concern and unity programs are important. He appreciated the workshop for teaching rural students nationalism and unity. Headmaster G P Anand Kumar said reading works of poets saints and sages builds emotional unity and national pride among students. He said this helps strengthen self respect and feeling of my country my people.

K P A A Ganeshaiah conducted practical training for students on patriotic songs including the national anthem and other compositions. He trained them on works of Kuvempu Tagore and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and explained their national importance.

S K Mallikarjun was felicita ted by Rangasaurabha Kala Sa ngha for his service and his pro motion in KFCSC. He had earlier served in Food Department and Kannada and Culture Depa rtment as Assistant Director. Te achers and guests appreciated the program for promoting unity among students in rural areas. Speakers said such workshops help reduce communal feelings and build national harmony in society. It was noted that students actively participated in prayer and cultural activities and organizers said such programs will continue to strengthen unity awareness and patriotism among young learners.

Nav Nirman Sena alleges municipal corruption scandal

KOPPAL

Leaders of Karnataka Nav Nirman Sena alleged large scale corruption in Koppal City Municipal Council and demanded a detailed investigation from the government. District unit members staged a protest and submitted documents to the Additional District Collector alleging misuse of funds in several municipal works.

Officials said over phone that if a formal complaint with docum ents is submitted, action will be taken against those responsible and an effort will be made to recover the misus ed money and ensure punishment for the guilty persons. The Additional District Collector also assured that the matter would be discussed with the District Collector and suitable steps would be taken soon. The organization said that the response from officials has given them confidence in their fig ht against corruption and their aim is to stop misuse of public tax money in the city. They further alleged that irregularities have taken place in hun dre ds of municipal works and demanded strict legal action ag ainst all those involved. The leaders war ned that if action is not taken, they will intensify the ir agitation in the coming days and stage protests in front of the mu ni cipal council office. They urged the governme nt to verify all records and ensure justice to the public, also appeals for trans parent inquiry and immediate action to protect public funds and maintain trust.

FUEL-PRICE-BURDEN

LPG price hike sparks concern in Srinivaspur

SRINIVASPUR

The price of domestic LPG cylinder has risen again in Srinivaspur reaching ₹955 for a 14.2-kg refill creating worry among residents who depend on it for daily cooking. The increase comes at a time when the cost of essential commodities is already high across the country adding pressure on household budgets and daily spending for ordinary families.

Residents say rising prices of fuel, food items, cooking gas, fertilizers and other essentials have made it difficult to manage monthly expenses and maintain financial stability.

Shabbir Ahmed a local minority leader said the LPG price hike will heavily affect workers farmers daily wage earners and middle-class families already struggling with inflation.

He also said rising costs of petrol diesel cooking gas seeds fertilizers and other farm inputs are increasing production costs and reducing profits for farmers in rural areas. He urged the Central Government to control inflation stabilize prices and introduce measures to reduce the financial burden on citizens across the country.

Meanwhile public dissatisfaction is growing as residents continue to demand strong action to ensure price stability and protect household incomes from rising costs. The continuous rise in LPG prices has triggered widespread concern among households in Srinivaspur where many families depend on government-regulated cooking gas for their daily needs.

Local residents believe that if prices keep increasing it will become harder for low-income groups to manage basic cooking expenses. Many have requested authorities to take quick action and provide relief measures as inflation continues to affect both urban and rural communities and put additional stress on everyday life.

Garbage dumps turned into colorful art sites

DODDABALLAPUR

The Doddaballapur Municipality has started turning garbage dump sites into art spaces to discourage people from littering. This step aims to improve city cleanliness and create awareness about proper waste disposal among residents.

Earlier, garbage was dumped on roadsides across the city, creating more than one hundred black spots and harming its beauty. The municipality with support from the Indian Institute for Human Settlements has converted over forty such spots into attractive art sites. These locations now feature rangoli designs and artwork made from waste materials like tyres and plastic buckets to spread

awareness.

Officials say that under new solid waste rules households are required to separate wet dry sanitary and special waste for collection. Authorities have also imposed fines on households that fail to hand over waste to collection vehicles regularly to improve compliance.

Local leaders say migration has increased the challenge as some residents do not take responsibility for maintaining cleanliness in neighborhoods. Officials and residents alike are being urged to cooperate and keep the city clean for better health and environment.

Awareness drives wall paintings and community programmes are being organised in several wards to educate citizens about waste segregation and responsible disposal habits. After conversion of many black spots into art areas officials report that dumping has reduced significantly in those locations over the past few weeks.

Residents are now urged to continue supporting the municipality by avoiding littering and using garbage collection vehicles so that the city remains clean healthy and visually appealing for all people living in Doddaballapur in the long run.

Kenchaveerappa elected as PU Lecturers Association Secretary

CHITRADURGA

Yoga guru Kenchaveerappa, who won a clear victory as General Secretary in the district unit election of the State Pre-University College Lecturers Association, was felicitated by citizens of Dhavalagiri and members of Patanjali Yoga Parivar at a progra mme held at the Yoga Centre of Gnanabharathi School on Holalkere Road on Tuesday.

Speaking at the progra mme, senior J.S. Gurumurthy praised Kenchaveerappa's simplicity, friendliness and dedication to society as the reason for his success. Speaking after receiving the honour, Kenchaveerappa said that his association with Yoga brothers is more precious than power, victory and honours he has received.

On this occasion, many di gnitaries including Shashikiran, G.M. Lavakumar, Kan tanna, Ranganayak, Hemanna, Yoga Raghu, Srikanth, Ja yanna, Harish and women leaders Mala, Vijayalakshmi, Latha, Ratnamma and Sudha were present.

Mandya achieves 96.59 percent voter mapping

MANDYA

District Collector Dr Kumar said that the Special Comprehensive Revision of the electoral roll is being carried out across the state and instructed officials to complete pending mapping work soon in Mandya district. He said the mapping work has already reached 96.59 percent progress and directed officials to ensure full completion without delay in a transparent and systematic manner. He spoke at a review meeting held at the District Collector's office regarding electoral roll revision and preparations for Gram Panchayat elections 2026.

The Collector instructed Booth Level Officers to conduct door to door visits and collect voter information carefully without any errors and warned that strict action will be taken against absent or negligent officials. He said training programmes have already been arranged for booth level staff and they must report properly on the work completed during training sessions. He added that the main aim of the revision is to ensure no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible name is included in the voter list.

He noted that there is some public confusion about the process and officials must clearly explain its purpose and remove misconceptions among citizens. He said the revision includes verification of draft voter lists removal of deceased and shifted voters and inclusion of new eligible voters in the system. Voters were asked to fill prescribed forms and submit them during house visits by booth level officers and can also upload forms online for convenience.

Deputy Collector BC Sivanandamurthy instructed officials to distribute duplicate census forms during house visits and guide citizens in filling them correctly. Senior officials including Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary P Lakshmi Sub Divisional Officer Shivamurthy and Tahsildars from all taluks attended the meeting and reviewed the progress of the revision process in detail for smooth implementation.

MLA Harish Gowda launches pipeline project to revive lakes

HUNSUR

Somanahalli lake in Hunsur taluk has come alive again after remaining dry for three years as major pipeline works have begun under a new government funded project led by MLA G D Harish Gowda. The project costing three crore rupees aims to restore water supply to Somanahalli and Maradur lakes which had affected farming and groundwater levels in surrounding villages badly.

Farmers in the region had stopped agricultural activities due to water shortage and the revival of the lake system has brought fresh hope for cultivation and rural life. Earlier attempts to fill four lakes failed due to repeated damage to pipelines but officials later approved a permanent solution using 2.5 kilometres of MS pipes. Speaking at the launch MLA Harish Gowda said restoring lakes is vital for farmers water security and improving groundwater levels across villages in the constituency. He added that several development works including roads drains and community halls were also launched along with fresh grants for local infrastructure improvement.

MLA Harish Gowda said lake restoration is vital for farmers' water security and groundwater, and also launched roads, drains, halls, and infrastructure development works

The MLA also expressed concern over delayed government funds due to guarantee schemes but said he would meet ministers and the Chief Minister to secure allocations for constituency development. Officials and local leaders present at the event welcomed the project saying it would restore life to lakes and improve drinking water availability in the region.

Local villagers in Somanahalli and nearby areas welcomed the start of the lake restoration work as it is expected to improve agriculture and drinking water supply. They said the project will help raise groundwater levels and bring back farming activities that had stopped for several years.

Harish Gowda reiterated that development of the constituency remains his top priority and promised continued efforts to secure funds from the state government. He also said lakes are lifelines of rural communities and restoring them will ensure long term ecological balance and economic stability for farmers in the region.

The MLA said he would continue working with officials, banks and departments to ensure timely completion of irrigation projects, better rural infrastructure and improved living conditions for farmers.

QUICK READ

Farmers invited for horticulture subsidy applications

Chikkaballapura
Applications have been invited for subsidy support under horticulture and agriculture schemes in Chikkaballapura for the year 2026-27. Farmers can apply for many facilities including irrigation, storage, and plantation development. The last date for submission is June 22. Officials asked eligible farmers to apply on time. Farmers may receive support for shade nets, onion storage units, drip irrigation, fruit crops like mango, banana, papaya, pomegranate and grape under National Horticulture Mission. Applications should be submitted at the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture office in Gowribidanur.

Applications invited for Cooperative Management course

Mangaluru
The Mangaluru-based Karnataka Institute of Cooperative Management has invited applications for its six-month Diploma in Cooperative Management course starting July 1. The program is offered in both regular and distance education modes. Candidates from Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod districts, including Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe applicants as well as employees of cooperative institutions and banks, are eligible. The last date to apply is June 30. Minimum qualification required is SSLC. SC/ST students will receive a monthly stipend of ₹600, while other students will get ₹500. The curriculum includes cooperative management, credit and banking, laws, accounting, auditing and computer operations. The diploma is recognised for jobs in cooperative banks, milk unions and other cooperative institutions.

Applications open for National Disability Awards 2026–27

Mangaluru
Applications have been invited for the National Awards for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2026–27, instituted by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The awards recognise outstanding contributions in areas such as empowerment, rehabilitation, education, skill development, employment generation, accessibility, research, innovation, sports, arts and literature. Applications can be collected from the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens at the Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat in Mangaluru. Completed applications must be submitted in English by July 25.

MLA Vedavyasa Kamath inaugurates new college facilities

MLA stressed clean toilets and safe drinking water for student health, praising MRPL's support for school infrastructure development

MANGALURU

MLA Vedavyasa Kamath inaugurated newly constructed boys' and girls' toilets, an overhead water tank, and a drinking water purification unit at the Government Pre-University College in Nalyapadavu, Shakthinagar.

The facilities have been developed under the MRPL Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aimed at improving basic infrastructure and student welfare in educational institutions.

Speaking at the event, the MLA said that essential amenities such as clean toilets and safe drinking water play a crucial role in maintaining student health, hygiene, and overall learning conditions. He appreciated MRPL for responding positively to requests for infrastructure development and expressed hope for continued collaboration in future projects.

Harish Rao, Manager of MRPL's CSR division, said the organisation remains committed to supporting community development and enhancing health and hygiene standards in educational institutions.

College Principal Jayananda N. Suvarna thanked MRPL and the MLA for providing modern sanitation facilities and a safe drinking water system on campus. He said the infrastructure would significantly benefit students and staff.

The programme was attended by former corporators Vanitha Prasad and Shakeela Kava, school headmistress Sharada, Padavu Friends Club president Kushal Kumar, CBC member Ashok Nayak, SDMC president Kishore, entrepreneurs Vijay Shenoy and Prasad, senior teacher Dakshayini, lecturer Saraladevi, and others.

Senior lecturer Saraladevi P. compered the event, while high school headmaster Prashanth Kumar delivered the vote of thanks ANCHOR

Ten arrested in Channagiri gang rape case

DAVANAGERE

Police have arrested ten youths in connection with the gang rape of a 41-year-old woman in Channagiri taluk of Davanagere district. The incident reportedly took place on June 3 within the limits of Basava Town police station and came to light after the victim filed a complaint.

According to police, the woman was returning home after a quarrel with her husband when the accused approached her. The youths, who had gone out for pig hunting, allegedly offered her a cool drink after noticing that she was tired. They reportedly mixed alcohol in the drink and later took her to a nearby garden, where they sexually assaulted her through the night.

Free Ration Distribution Begins in Ballari; Red Cross to Honour Blood Donors

BALLARI

The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has begun the distribution of free food grains for June 2026 to eligible ration card holders across Ballari district. Beneficiaries can collect their allotted quantity of rice from their respective fair price shops, Deputy Director K.R. Devaraj said in a release.

Under the distribution plan, Priority Household (PHH) and BPL card holders will receive 10 kg of rice per family member free of cost. For Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries, the quantity of rice will vary according to family size. Families with one to three members will not receive rice this month as their allocation was already distributed in May.

Officials said that rice under the Anna Bhagya scheme for both May and June is being distributed together during June. Beneficiaries have been advised to complete biometric authentication only once while collecting their ration and to ensure they receive the food grains immediately after verification.

The department has urged the public to report any irregularities in distribution through the state helpline number 1967 or by contacting the Food Section of the concerned Tahsildar's office.

Meanwhile, the Ballari branch of the Indian Red Cross Society will celebrate World Blood Donor Day on June 14 by honouring individuals who have donated blood more than 10 times.

Voter list revision schedule announced in Yadgir

Voter mapping in the district is over 97%, covering most taluks, with 10.14 lakh of 10.5 lakh voters mapped and door-to-door verification ongoing

YADGIR

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Pandve Rahul announced the Special Comprehensive Revision schedule of the voter list issued by the Election Commission of India and appealed for public cooperation. He said the revision process will begin on June 20 and aims to prepare a transparent and accurate electoral roll across the district.

According to the schedule, form printing and training of officials will be conducted from June 20 to June 29. He added that the house to house voter survey will be carried out from June 30 to July 29 across all taluks.

The draft voter list will be published on August 5, followed by a claims and objections period from August 5 to September 4. He said the final disposal of claims and objections will be completed by October 3 and the final voter list will be published on October 7. The eligibility cut off date for the revision has been fixed as October 1.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that voter mapping work in the district has reached over ninety seven percent in most taluks with significant progress in Shorapur Shahapur Yadgir Gurmatkal Vadagera and Hunasagi. He said out of more than ten lakh fifty thousand voters in the district, over ten lakh fourteen thousand have already been mapped and the remaining work is in progress. He urged booth level officials to ensure door to door verification and asked citizens to cooperate by providing accurate information during the survey.

He also said the objective of the revision is to ensure that no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible name is included in the final list. Officials including Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Kolar and Assistant Commissioner Sridhar Gotur were present at the press conference and reviewed the progress of the revision exercise across the district for smooth implementation.

MLA urged regular water testing, reliable supply, and removal of stagnant water to prevent disease during monsoon season

MLA Mantar Gowda stresses monsoon preparedness in Kodagu district

MADIKERI

With monsoon rains intensifying across Kodagu district, MLA Dr Mantar Gowda has directed officials to strengthen disaster preparedness and ensure uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water in the region. He issued the instructions during a Task Force Committee Meeting held at the Madikeri Tahsildar office with participation from taluk level officers, PDOs, police and other departmental heads.

The MLA stressed that drinking water sources must be tested regularly and supply systems should not be allowed to fail during the rainy season under any circumstances. He warned that stagnant water in coconut shells, tyres and other waste materials should be removed quickly to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in both rural and urban areas.

Officials were instructed to clean canals and roadside drains so that rainwater flows smoothly and does not cause flooding in low lying localities.

Dr Mantar Gowda expressed concern over drinking water shortage in several villages and said the administration must treat the issue as a top priority without delay. He also directed officials to alert residents in landslide prone and flood affected areas and ensure timely evacuation if rainfall intensity increases in the coming days.

The MLA suggested setting up care centres with adequate food stock, medical support and basic facilities for displaced families during emergency situations. He asked departments to maintain coordination between revenue, police, forest, fire and public works teams to handle emergencies such as fallen trees and damaged electric poles.

Officials were told to share contact numbers of nodal officers and ensure communication systems remain active so that emergency responses can be carried out quickly.

The MLA also instructed gram panchayats to conduct local meetings and submit detailed reports on preparedness measures and safety arrangements in vulnerable regions. He emphasised protection of livestock and suggested setting up cattle care centres with sufficient fodder arrangements to support farmers during heavy rains.

School and hostel safety was also reviewed and officials were asked to check transportation arrangements for children travelling to educational institutions in rural areas.Municipal and taluk officials reported that drain cleaning, tree trimming and relocation awareness activities have already been initiated in several sensitive zones across Madikeri.

Bad roads in Bhalki taluk disrupt smooth traffic

BHALKI

While several roads in Bhalki taluk, including those in urban areas, are reported to be in good condition, many connecting and interior roads remain severely damaged, causing inconvenience to commuters and disrupting smooth traffic movement.

Key routes such as Telgaon village canal road to Talawada (M), Sompur and Atnoor, Davargao to Masimad, and Bidar–Bhalki main road connections to nearby villages including Dharajwadi, Kotgyal–Nittur (B), and Valasangpati to Beeri (K) have developed potholes and uneven surfaces. Residents say these stretches have become difficult to travel on daily.

Locals also highlighted that roads connecting areas such as the lecturer's colony main road to Shahunagar, the road to the Forest Range Office, and the Hanuman Bakery stretch towards Tukde Hospital are in poor condition, making commuting unsafe and uncomfortable.

Residents from Sompur and Atnoor said that small bridges on some routes get submerged during heavy rains, cutting off connectivity and causing major disruptions. They added that school buses, public transport vehicles and two-wheelers regularly use these roads, increasing the risk of accidents.

Villagers from Davargao and Masimad said commuters are forced to navigate potholes and loose gravel, leading to frequent skidding incidents and minor injuries, especially among two-wheeler riders.

In several urban pockets, residents also pointed out issues caused by repeated digging for water pipeline connections, which has left uneven surfaces and water stagnation, resulting in foul smell and mosquito breeding.

Locals urged authorities to take up immediate repair and reconstruction works, stressing that better road infrastructure is essential for safer travel, improved trade, and overall development of both rural and urban areas in the taluk.

MLA Daddal orders adequate seed supply for farmers

RAICHUR

MLA Basanagouda Daddal has directed officials of the Agriculture Department to ensure timely availability and proper distribution of seeds and fertilizers to farmers during the ongoing monsoon season. He stressed that any delay or shortage in supply could seriously affect agricultural activities and the livelihood of farmers in the region.

He was speaking at a review meeting held at the Rural MLA office hall in Raichur, where preparations for the kharif season and the availability of agricultural inputs were discussed in detail with departmental officials.

The MLA instructed that Agriculture Department staff must mandatorily be present at all Raitha Samparka Kendras across every hobli in the taluk. He warned that absenteeism or failure to respond to farmers' queries would be viewed seriously and could lead to recommendations for suspension.

Daddal emphasized that all Raitha Samparka Kendras should maintain sufficient stock of quality seeds and fertilizers, especially as the monsoon has already set in.

SUNDAYS-ON-CYCLE

Mangaluru cyclists ride for sustainability on World Bicycle Day

MANGALURU

The city witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of cycling lovers who came together to mark World Bicycle Day through the ongoing "Sundays on Cycle" campaign, turning a routine Sunday into a message of sustainability and community wellness.

The event began early on June 7 at Mangala Stadium, where participants assembled despite rain-soaked conditions. The ride was organised by the Mangalore Cycling Club in coordination with MY Bharat Dakshina Kannada, with support from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and the National Service Scheme.

Before the ride commenced, participants attended a brief interaction where officials highlighted the importance of cycling in improving personal fitness while also contributing to reduced urban pollution and environmental protection.

Dignitaries exchanged tokens of appreciation with organisers before the group set off together through the city's damp Sunday streets. The ride symbolised a collective commitment to cleaner mobility and stronger community engagement.

MY Bharat representatives linked the initiative to broader national goals, including youth skill development and the promotion of healthier lifestyles. They emphasized that cycling should be viewed not just as a recreational activity, but as a sustainable mode of transport that supports environmental conservation.

Organisers from the Mangalore Cycling Club said the participation reflected growing awareness among citizens about climate-friendly practices. Many cyclists expressed interest in continuing group rides regularly, describing the experience as both refreshing and motivating.

Medical Students Stage Street Play to Promote Heart Health Awareness

BALLARI

As part of the National Surgeons' Week celebrations, a meaningful street play focusing on heart health awareness was staged on Tuesday in front of the Emergency Department of the Ballari Medical College and Research Centre (BMCRC).

The programme was organised by the Ballari chapter of the Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (KSCASI) with the objective of educating the public about the importance of maintaining good heart health and preventing cardiovascular diseases.

The street play was performed by BMCRC interns and first- and second-year MBBS students, who effectively conveyed messages on healthy lifestyle practices, early detection of heart-related ailments, and the importance of timely medical intervention.

Their performance drew the attention of patients, attendants and members of the public visiting the hospital.Senior doctors present at the event appreciated the students for their social commitment and efforts in promoting public health awareness.

Modi Surpasses Nehru With Security-Focused Governance Legacy

Narendra Modi will become the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister

NEW DELHI

National security reforms and anti-terror measures have remained central to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance journey.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will complete 4,399 consecutive days in office on June 10, surpassing the record of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who served 4,398 continuous days. Modi, who first took oath on May 26, 2014, will become the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

Over the past 12 years, the Modi government has introduced several major policy changes, with national security emerging as one of its key focus areas. During this period, security agencies dismantled home-grown terror networks, including the Indian Mujahideen. After reducing the threat from domestic terror groups, the government shifted its attention towards Jammu and Kashmir.

Soon after taking office, Modi held a series of meetings with senior security officials and stressed the need to provide operational freedom to security forces. Agencies intensified action against separatist groups and terror organisations, particularly Hizbul Mujahideen. Investigations by the National Investigation Agency and Enforcement Directorate uncovered financial networks allegedly supported through Pakistan-backed channels.

According to officials, a portion of these funds was used to fuel violence, while large amounts were allegedly diverted for personal use by separatist leaders. As these funding channels were disrupted, separatist activities gradually weakened.

Security forces intensified operations against leading terrorist commanders, including Hizbul Mujahideen's Burhan Wani, who had become a key figure in militant recruitment. Following his death in an encounter, several senior militants were eliminated, weakening the outfit. Alongside these efforts, the government launched outreach programmes for local communities. The 2019 abrogation of Article 370 further reshaped Jammu and Kashmir, with officials crediting the move and reduced terror activity for improved security, higher tourism, and economic benefits.

QUICK READ

NGT Orders Probe Into Noida Groundwater Misuse

New Delhi

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Uttar Pradesh Ground Water Department to investigate allegations of illegal groundwater extraction by private builders, industries, and other entities in Noida and Greater Noida. The tribunal instructed authorities to take corrective and punitive action if any violations are found. The order was issued by a Bench comprising Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Dr. Afroz Ahmad while disposing of a petition filed by environmental conservationist Vikrant Tongad through advocate Akash Vashishtha. The case raised concerns over unauthorised use of groundwater in the region.

Delhi Court Rejects NEET Leak Accused's Bail

New Delhi

A Delhi court on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of Manisha Waghmare, an accused in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case being investigated by the CBI. The defence argued that Waghmare, an education counsellor, received Rs 3.5 lakh through a gift deed linked to ancestral property and that no incriminating material was found during searches at her home.

Opposing bail, the CBI alleged she actively helped circulate leaked exam questions for money and cited statements from candidates who claimed they paid her for access to the paper.

Six Killed In Jalgaon Road Mishap Tragedy

Jalgaon

Six people were killed and one person was seriously injured after a speeding car collided head-on with a motorcycle near Londhe Phata in Amalner, Jalgaon district, Maharashtra. The accident occurred around 7 a.m. when a family travelling from Gujarat to attend an engagement ceremony met with the tragedy. After the collision, the motorcycle crashed into an oncoming bus. The deceased were identified as Nandlal Mahajan, Anita Mahajan, Suresh Mahajan, Nirmala Mahajan, Nilesh Tawade and Falguni Bhoi. Car driver Aditya Mahajan suffered severe leg fractures and was admitted to a private hospital.

Jaishankar Highlights Twelve Years Of Diplomatic Growth

NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday highlighted major changes in India's foreign policy and the functioning of the Ministry of External Affairs over the last 12 years since Prime Minister Narendra Modi first took office in 2014.

In a post on social media, Jaishankar said Indian diplomacy now works around the clock to serve the nation and support citizens abroad. He noted that Indians today travel overseas with greater confidence and pride due to improved services and stronger diplomatic engagement.

According to the minister, Indian embassies and consulates have expanded their reach, with 44 missions now serving the needs of Indians living, studying, and working abroad. He said the government has strengthened support systems through wider use of the Indian Community Welfare Fund and digital platforms that help citizens register complaints and provide feedback.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said India's diplomacy has become more citizen-focused, expanding global outreach, welfare services, crisis response, and opportunities for Indians abroad over the past 12 years

Jaishankar also pointed to India's response during major international crises. He said the government successfully carried out evacuation operations and assistance efforts in countries such as Ukraine, Israel, Afghanistan, and Sudan when Indian nationals faced difficult situations.

The minister added that India has signed 21 mobility partnerships, helping citizens access employment opportunities abroad and become part of the global workforce. He also said passport services and document attestation procedures have become faster and more convenient for the public.

Jaishankar further highlighted efforts to promote Indian culture, support students overseas, and improve access for Indian products and services in international markets.

Earlier, Prime Minister Modi said the government's 12-year journey has been guided by trust, development, and public welfare.

He stated that continued efforts in governance, infrastructure, and digital growth would help achieve the goal of a developed India in the years ahead.

Assam Hosts EU Delegation To Strengthen Trade Ties

GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met a high-level European Union delegation, known as "Team Europe," to discuss ways to strengthen trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Northeast India and European countries.

The delegation was led by Herve Delphin and included ambassadors, senior diplomats, business leaders, and representatives of major European trade organisations. The visit, which began on June 8, is part of efforts to deepen economic ties under the India-EU Comprehensive Strategic Agenda announced earlier this year.

During the meeting, both sides discussed opportunities for investment and commercial partnerships in Assam and the wider Northeast region. Officials highlighted the region's strategic location, natural resources, and growing industrial base as key factors attracting international investors.

As part of their visit, the delegation is scheduled to tour India's first semiconductor manufacturing facility being developed at Jagiroad in Morigaon district.A business delegation organised by the Federation of European Businesses in India is also meeting local authorities and industry representatives to explore investment opportunities.Discussions are focused on sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, electronics, semiconductor manufacturing, tea production, and agro-processing.The delegation is also participating in a seminar titled "Blue Valleys: Building Ecosystems and Value Chains Between India and Europe."

RG Kar Case Triggered My Resignation: Roy

NEW DELHI

A day after resigning from the Rajya Sabha and the All India Trinamool Congress, former MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy said the RG Kar rape and murder case became the turning point that led him to leave the party.

Roy said he had been considering resignation for a long time and finally decided to quit after the incident. He stressed that the decision was made independently and without any pressure. While expressing gratitude to the party leadership for giving him an opportunity to serve in the Rajya Sabha, he said several incidents over the years had raised concerns.

Roy referred to cases such as the Park Street rape case, the Kamduni gang rape and murder case, and the RG Kar case.

He alleged that some individuals involved in such incidents were linked to or protected by the party. According to him, questions from family members and friends about his continued association with the party further influenced his thinking.

He claimed that public anger following the RG Kar case was a warning sign for the party. Roy said many people who had supported the party in previous elections later joined protests, indicating growing dissatisfaction.

The former MP also alleged that the party failed to take corrective measures despite repeated public signals. He predicted that the Trinamool Congress would not survive in its current form and claimed that several members felt sidelined within the organisation.Roy further criticised the state's condition, alleging a lack of investment, rising unemployment, problems in the education sector, and concerns in healthcare.

Predictions of instability after the 2024 election have not materialised as the NDA remains united

NDA Remains Stable As Modi Government Completes Two

NEW DELHI

When the 2024 Lok Sabha election results were declared, many political observers questioned the future of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government because the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fell short of an absolute majority on its own. However, support from alliance partners ensured a comfortable majority for the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

With backing from parties such as the Janata Dal (United) and the Telugu Desam Party, the NDA secured 293 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Despite concerns raised by critics at the time, the coalition has remained intact and completed two years of its third term in office.

Over this period, key allies have continued to express confidence in Modi's leadership.

Leaders including Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary's predecessor Nitish Kumar, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda have publicly praised the Prime Minister's governance and political achievements.

Deve Gowda recently noted that Modi becoming India's longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister reflects the strength and growth of Indian democracy. He also credited Modi with protecting national interests and maintaining public support over a long period.The veteran leader observed that India's political environment has become far more competitive and diverse compared to earlier decades. He pointed out that leaders like Modi rose to national prominence without political dynasties or inherited advantages. Naidu said Modi's leadership has boosted national confidence and cultural pride, calling it a significant period for India. The NDA government has remained stable, with allies united and several key economic, social, and constitutional bills passed in Parliament.

Court Defers Order In IRCTC Money Laundering Case

NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday postponed its decision on framing charges against RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, his family members, and others in the alleged money laundering case linked to the IRCTC hotel scam. The Rouse Avenue Court has now scheduled the pronouncement of the order for July 16.

The case is being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which has filed a prosecution complaint against 16 accused persons. Those named include Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Yadav, Tej Pratap Yadav, Misa Bharti, and Hema Yadav.

According to the ED, the money laundering case stems from the alleged IRCTC hotel scam originally investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The agency has alleged that irregularities occurred in awarding contracts for operating IRCTC hotels during Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister between 2004 and 2009.

OPPOSITION CRITICISES CUT IN UJJWALA LPG SUBSIDIES

NEW DELHI

Opposition parties on Tuesday criticised the Centre's reported decision to reduce the number of subsidised LPG cylinder refills available under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) from nine per year to four. Leaders from the Congress and RJD said the move would place an additional burden on poor and middle-class families.

Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit alleged that the reduction reflected the government's inability to continue welfare support at earlier levels. He claimed that previous governments had provided higher levels of subsidy and argued that support for at least six to nine cylinders annually should have been maintained.

Dikshit also questioned the government's economic claims, saying that if earlier administrations could offer greater assistance, the present reduction suggested growing financial pressure. He further alleged that subsidies in several sectors, including fuel, fertilisers and irrigation, had been reduced over time. According to him, citizens are now paying various taxes and charges that increase their financial burden.

The Congress leader sarcastically remarked that the scheme should now be called the "Andhkaar Scheme" instead of the Ujjwala scheme, referring to the reduction in subsidised refills.RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha also criticised the decision. He noted that subsidised cylinders were once available for 12 refills annually before being reduced to nine and now reportedly to four.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KOLLEGAL
CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The City Municipal Commissioner, Kollegal Chamarajanagar District, invites e-procurement tender from eligible contractors under Kw-4 document Under Work details as follows Name of work: Road development work In Kollegal Taluk Srirangapattana-Malaimahadeshwara hills road State highway-79 chain from 68.70 to 69.61 Kms (Dasanapura Junction to N H -948 connecting road (near Animal department Office)) 2025-26 CMIDP Grants **(DMA/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT57539) Estimate Cost: 150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: 2,00,000, Period of Completion: 06 Months. Last date for uploading of completed tender documents: 22.06.2026 at 5.30 P.M, Prebid Meeting Venue & date: 12.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M,** (CMC Kollegal Office) **Last date of receiving tender 22.06.2026 at 5.30 P.M, Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 24.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M** & Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed after Successful technical Bid Contractors, Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement platform (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.erpoc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically.

Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Kollegal.

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"ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ" (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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3	Sujatha M V, Yogesh B R, **/MHL00340013495/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No.878/879, P.I.D. No.152100100700120256, Situated At Bukinkere Village, Bukinkere Grama Panchayath, Krishnarajapete Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, Pin: 571812 Totally 193.24 Square Meters. East-Land Belongs To Ramaswamy, West-Land Belongs To Javaregowda S/O Sathegowda, South-Canal Road., North-Land Belongs To Ramaswamy	18-03-2026 & Rs.356099/-	05-06-2026
4	Jayamma C, Manjunath C, Chandrappa B, **/MHL00510015494/** Shimoga	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing RDPR Khata No. 152400404300300497, As Per Gram Panchayat Record Property No. 98, Measuring In Total 167.23 Sq Meter Including Measuring 41.81 Sq Meter House Property Situated At Bhadrapura, Taralaghatta Gram Panchayat. Shikaripura Taluk And Shivamogga District, Karnataka, Pin: 577427. East-Property of Shakunthala W/O Parameshappa, West-Property of Prem W/O Lakshmanappa, South-Road, North-Road	18-03-2026 & Rs.420777/-	05-06-2026

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QUICK READ

Mother Arrested For Killing Infant Son Allegedly

Meerut

A woman was arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut district for allegedly strangling her seven-month-old son and trying to portray the death as caused by illness, police said on Tuesday. The accused, Meenakshi, is alleged to have killed her son, Rudransh, on May 30 while she was alone at home in Murlipur village. She later informed family members that the child had fallen ill and died. The infant was subsequently buried. The case came to light after the child's father, Amit, who was away at the time, received information raising doubts about the circumstances of the death. Police said marital disputes between the couple also led to suspicion, and an investigation is underway.

Teen Girl Injured, Police Hunt Suspect

Mumbai

Mumbai Police have launched a manhunt for a young man accused of kidnapping and brutally assaulting a 16-year-old girl in the Amboli area. The victim suffered serious injuries to her face and jaw after being allegedly attacked with a stone and is currently undergoing treatment in hospital. Police said the girl is unable to speak properly due to the severity of her injuries. She had been living with her aunt and uncle in Jogeshwari after losing her parents at a young age.

President Appoints Three New Ministers In Puducherry Cabinet

President Murmu approved the appointment of 3 new ministers, strengthening the Puducherry govt

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday appointed P. Rajavelu, V. P. Sivakolundhu and G. N. S. Rajasekaran as ministers in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The appointments were made on the advice of Chief Minister N. Rangasamy, according to an official government notification issued on Monday.

The notification stated that the President was pleased to appoint the three leaders as ministers in the Council of Ministers for Puducherry with effect from the date they take oath of office. Their induction is expected to expand the ministry and strengthen the administration led by the All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.

The NDA secured victory in the Puducherry Assembly elections held on April 9. Following the election win, N. Rangasamy was sworn in as Chief Minister for the fifth time on May 13. Along with him, BJP Legislature Party leader A. Namassivayam and AINRC legislator Malladi Krishna Rao also took oath as ministers in the second NDA government in the Union Territory.

The formation of a full-fledged ministry had been awaited for several weeks after the government assumed office. The delay had drawn criticism from opposition leaders, including former Chief Minister and Congress leader V. Narayanasamy, who had questioned the government over the time taken to complete the cabinet expansion.

Rangasamy had contested and won from both Thattanchavady and Mangalam Assembly constituencies in the election. However, he later vacated the Thattanchavady seat and retained Mangalam.

With the appointment of Rajavelu, Sivakolundhu and Rajasekaran, the Puducherry government has moved closer to completing its ministerial team.

Political observers believe the expanded council will help the administration distribute responsibilities more effectively and focus on governance, development projects and public welfare programmes across the Union Territory in the coming months.

TMC Leaders Rally Behind Mamata Amid Revolt Rumours

KOLKATA

Senior leaders of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) have strongly backed party chief Mamata Banerjee amid reports of internal dissent and speculation about a possible split within the party.

Rajya Sabha MP Sagarika Ghose said she firmly believed in Banerjee's leadership and criticised leaders who, according to her, abandon the party after benefiting from its support during elections. In a post on social media, she described Banerjee as an inspiring leader and questioned the loyalty of those allegedly considering a change in allegiance after electoral setbacks.

Senior TMC leader Kirti Azad also expressed support for Banerjee, stating that he would stand with "Didi" throughout his political life. He dismissed reports of a list of rebel lawmakers as fabricated and accused the BJP of spreading misinformation. Azad further alleged that attempts were being made to pressure TMC leaders through central agencies and political influence.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra criticised those she described as traitors, arguing that MPs elected on a TMC ticket received a mandate from voters for the party and not for the NDA. She said those wishing to join the BJP should resign their seats and seek a fresh mandate from voters.

Meanwhile, Derek O'Brien also backed the statements supporting Banerjee by sharing Ghose's remarks on social media.

The strong public support from senior leaders comes amid growing political speculation about internal differences within the TMC.

Congress Shifts MLAs Ahead Of Rajya Sabha Polls

BHOPAL

Congress has decided to move its Madhya Pradesh MLAs to Karnataka, alleging BJP attempts to lure legislators before the June 18 Rajya Sabha election

The Madhya Pradesh Congress has decided to shift its MLAs to Karnataka ahead of the June 18 Rajya Sabha elections, alleging that the BJP is trying to poach opposition legislators and influence the voting process.

Senior Congress leaders said the move is aimed at preventing cross-voting and keeping the party united until polling day. The decision was discussed during a Congress Legislature Party meeting held late Monday night at the residence of Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar.

Congress legislators Vijay Revanath Choure, Yadavendra Singh and Babu Jandel confirmed that party MLAs would be moved to Bengaluru in Congress-ruled Karnataka. While some legislators were reportedly not in favour of leaving the state, they agreed to follow the party leadership's decision.

Singhar accused the BJP of trying to buy Congress MLAs and claimed some legislators had informed him that they were approached with offers of money.

He said all Congress MLAs would be kept together in a party-ruled state to avoid any possibility of defections or cross-voting.

The Rajya Sabha election in Madhya Pradesh is being held for three vacant seats. Each candidate requires 58 first-preference votes to win. The BJP, with 164 MLAs in the 230-member Assembly, is comfortably placed to win two seats and has fielded Tarun Chugh, Rajneesh Agrawal and Mahesh Kewat.

The Congress has nominated former MP Meenakshi Natarajan and believes it has enough support to secure the third seat. The Assembly's effective strength is currently 229, though legal and membership issues involving some legislators could affect voting numbers.

Congress leaders said the party is taking extra precautions because of the 2020 political crisis, when the Kamal Nath-led government collapsed after Jyotiraditya Scindia and 22 Congress MLAs joined the BJP, leading to a major change in the state's political landscape and balance of power.

DMK Clarifies Stalin Remarks On TVK Government Stability

CHENNAI

The DMK on Tuesday clarified remarks made by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin regarding the stability of the TVK government, stating that his comments should not be interpreted as an attempt to topple the administration.

Senior DMK leader and former minister Thangam Thennarasu said Stalin had no intention of seeking the government's removal or dissolution. According to him, Stalin's remarks were only meant to highlight concerns about the current political and administrative situation.

Speaking about Stalin's statement made on Sunday, Thennarasu said the DMK leader had earlier promised not to criticise the new government for six months after it assumed office. However, Stalin later remarked that the government's functioning was so uncertain that he might have to speak sooner than expected.

Thennarasu said some political leaders and commentators misunderstood the statement and suggested that Stalin had predicted the government's collapse. He maintained that Stalin never said the government would fall and that such an interpretation was incorrect.

The former minister explained that Stalin was referring to what he described as a "cloud of uncertainty" surrounding the government. He said the remarks reflected concerns about governance and public issues rather than any political plan to bring down the administration.

Thennarasu criticised Vijay for not responding to issues such as crime, drug trafficking, power cuts, farmers' protests and sexual violence.

Minister Alleges Sabotage Behind Chennai Power Outages Crisis

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister C.T.R. Nirmal Kumar on Tuesday alleged that frequent power outages in Chennai and its suburbs were not always caused by technical faults but were, in some cases, the result of deliberate sabotage.

The minister claimed that certain individuals were intentionally pulling fuses and tampering with power infrastructure to trigger blackouts and provoke public protests. He said electricity department officials were closely monitoring the frequency and locations of outages to identify suspicious patterns that indicated human interference rather than equipment failure.

Kumar said complaints had been filed against people caught damaging electricity infrastructure and added that some arrests had already been made. He also appealed to the public to report suspicious activities, especially in areas where CCTV surveillance is unavailable.

The statement comes after several neighbourhoods in Chennai and surrounding areas experienced prolonged power cuts on Saturday night. Residents in Medavakkam, Pallikaranai, Perumbakkam, Sholinganallur and along the East Coast Road reported outages lasting between two and four hours, forcing many to spend a sleepless night.

Frustrated by repeated disruptions, residents staged protests and demanded a permanent solution. While consumers alleged that power cuts had become frequent, senior officials from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board maintained that temporary failures were caused by tripping and distribution-related issues.

Kumar said CCTV footage is being reviewed to identify those tampering with power infrastructure, while outage updates are shared through the Minnagam portal. Additional response teams and night patrols have been deployed. He earlier claimed footage from Avadi showed unidentified individuals removing fuses and disrupting power supply, causing losses.

CID Gives Abhishek Final Deadline In Forgery Probe

KOLKATA

The West Bengal CID has issued a third notice to TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in connection with the alleged signature forgery case in the state Assembly, directing him to appear before investigators by 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

According to sources, the fresh notice was served after Banerjee failed to respond to two earlier summonses. A team of eight CID officers, including women personnel, visited his Kalighat residence on Monday and formally delivered the notice after he missed the second appearance deadline.

Congress released a detailed report alleging a wide gap between government promises and outcomes

Congress Questions Modi Government's Performance After Two Years

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi-led government as it completed two years of its third term in office. The party released a 75-page "promise versus reality" document, claiming that several promises made over the past 12 years have not translated into meaningful benefits for citizens.

Congress leaders Rajeev Gowda and Amitabh Dubey unveiled the report and accused the government of relying on publicity while failing to deliver results in key sectors such as employment, economy, agriculture, infrastructure, social welfare and governance.

Gowda said the government had promised to make India a global employment hub, but unemployment among graduates remained high. He claimed that four out of ten graduates were unemployed and that urban youth unemployment stood at 18.4 per cent. He also alleged that only a small percentage of unemployed graduates secured permanent salaried jobs within a year.The Congress leader further claimed that benefits under the Ujjwala scheme had been reduced and criticised the government over women's employment opportunities. He said India's ranking in the Global Gender Gap Index had fallen significantly over the years. Raising concerns about the economy, Gowda stated that around 40,000 micro, small and medium enterprises had shut down in the previous financial year.

He also alleged that democratic institutions had weakened and questioned the deletion of voter names from electoral rolls.

Yogi Warns Against Love Jihad And Division

LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said India cannot be a refuge for people who lack loyalty to the nation or respect for its traditions. Speaking at the closing ceremony of a nine-day Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav in Lucknow, he called for vigilance against what he described as "love jihad" and "land jihad."The Chief Minister said "love jihad" was part of a broader conspiracy to alter the country's religious demography.

Referring to concerns raised by courts in earlier years, he noted that Uttar Pradesh had enacted a law against unlawful religious conversions in 2020 and stressed the need for greater public awareness on the issue.Adityanath also spoke against alleged attempts to occupy land through unlawful means, saying such activities should be firmly opposed. He asserted that India's land could not become a "dharamshala" for invaders or for those who have no faith in the country's values, traditions and national interests. Calling for unity, the Chief Minister urged saints and constructive social forces to work together to strengthen the nation.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

The Director, Information and Communication Division invites tender from elegible bidders for purchase and installation of "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Web Application Firewall and Wired Network Firewall License for 3 years to Information and Communication Division, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, Mysuru-570006" through e-procurement Portal as per KTPP Act of Government of Karnataka.

Tender Number : UOM/2026-27/IND0068

For further clarification bidders may view at website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and may contact No. **0821-2419556**

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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of forest (Head of Forest Force) Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswhwaram, Bangalore-560003.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from contractors through the GoK e-portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** to select a well-established and reputable Professional Consultancy Agency to set up a Programme Management Unit under the Karnataka Forest Department for the year 2026-27.

Last date for uploading tender forms in e-procurement: **01.07.2026 upto 5.30 PM**. Date of opening of technical bids: **03.07.2026 at 12.30 PM.** Financial bids will be opened only if the conditions in the technical bid are successfully fulfilled and bids not fulfilling the conditions will be rejected. Financial bid will be opened on **05.07.2026 at 12-30 PM.**

If no tender is received on the above dates or if the tender is not held due to any reason, the tender will be continued upto **10.07.2026 at 5.30 PM** subject to the conditions of this advertisement (Auto Extension). The technical bid will be opened on **12.07.2026 at 12.30 PM.** The financial bid will be opened on **14.07.2026.**

Further details regarding this tender, Contact the Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, Bangalore.

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ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 22 ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, 02 ಕಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಶಾಲಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, 02 ಶುಶ್ರೂಷಕರು, 101 ಗ್ರೂಪ್ "ಡಿ", 20 ನಾನ್-ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್ ಗ್ರೂಪ್-ಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ 02 ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ (ಒಟ್ಟು-149 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು) ಮಾರ್ಚ್-2027ರ (ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-03-2027) ರವರೆಗಿನ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ (ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ನಿಯಮ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ:08-06-2026 (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 3,46,61,428/-(ಮೂರು ಕೋಟಿ ನಲವತ್ತಾರು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಅರವತ್ತೊಂದು ಸಾವಿರದ ನಾಲ್ಕುನೂರಾ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೆಂಟು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ) (3) ಅನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು E-Procurement Portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ:09-06-2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:23-06-2026 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4:30 ರವರೆಗೆ
(4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:25-06-2026 ಸಂಜೆ 04.31 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
(5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು
(6) ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು
(7) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 8,67,000/-(ಎಂಟು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಅರವತ್ತೇಳು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ) (8) E-Procurement Portal Processing Fees E-Procurement Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ
(9) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಹೈಟೆಕ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮ ನಗರ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಎನ್.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ಪಕ್ಕ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-577005 ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08192-237833

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QUICK READ

Earthquakes shake Cuba, Iran within hours again

Havana

Earthquakes hit Cuba and Iran within hours, shaking regions across continents. A 6.1 magnitude quake struck off northwest Cuba, USGS said, at a shallow depth of 26 km, with epicentre 104 km west-northwest of Mantua. Tremors were felt in Cuba, Mexico and parts of Florida, but no injuries or damage were reported immediately. Later, a 5.0 magnitude earthquake hit Sargaz in Iran's Hormozgan province at a depth of 22 km. No casualties have been reported so far.

Tensions rise in PoJK amid clashes escalating

Muzaffarabad

Tensions escalated in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir after Pakistani security forces used tear gas against protestors following clashes with workers of the Joint Awami Action Committee.

Trump slams court freeze on H-1B fee ruling decision

Court ruled that fee was an unlawful tax without Congress approval; Several said hospitals and schools depend on foreign professionals through H-1B visas.

NEW YORK

US President Donald Trump criticised federal judges after a court blocked his administration's proposed USD 100,000 H-1B visa fee. He called the decision crazy and said judges are hurting the country badly.

The court had ruled the fee was an unlawful tax without Congress approval.

Lawmakers from both parties supported the court order and raised concerns about impact. Several said rural hospitals and schools depend on foreign professionals through H-1B visas. Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski said rural Alaska schools rely heavily on H-1B teachers. White House defended the policy and said it would challenge the ruling in appeals court.

Spokesperson Taylor Rogers said the H-1B programme had been abused for decades. Democrats welcomed the ruling saying it protects healthcare and public services. Some Republicans also supported exemptions for healthcare workers and education staff. California Attorney General Rob Bonta said the fee harmed skilled immigration goals.

New Jersey Attorney General Jennifer Davenport agreed the policy exceeded executive authority. Opposition Republicans like Eli Crane criticised the ruling and demanded legislative action. Lawmakers remain divided as legal battle over visa fee continues in courts. White House officials said they remain confident that the appeals court will overturn the ruling.

They argued the fee was necessary to reform alleged misuse of the H-1B system. Supporters of the court ruling said it protects innovation and labour shortages in key sectors. Business groups and universities also welcomed the decision due to workforce dependency concerns.

The administration said it will continue pursuing immigration changes through legal and political channels. Court battles over immigration fees are expected to continue across multiple federal levels. Observers say the issue highlights deep political divisions over skilled migration policy in the United States. Experts believe final outcome will shape future H-1B policy and broader US immigration debate in coming months ahead now.

UN chief urges diplomacy amid West Asia escalation

UN chief warns of rising tensions in West Asia, calls for ceasefires, humanitarian access, and urgent diplomatic talks to prevent wider conflict and civilian suffering

GENEVA

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has expressed deep alarm over renewed escalation in West Asia and urged all parties to immediately halt attacks and show maximum restraint.

In a statement issued through spokesperson Farhan Haq, he warned that the situation is highly volatile and could worsen quickly if violence continues. Guterres called on all sides to fully respect ceasefires in Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran and avoid actions that could damage ongoing diplomatic efforts.

He also stressed the urgent need for Israel to reopen all crossings into Gaza to allow safe, fast and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid. He highlighted that international law, including protection of civilians and freedom of navigation, must be strictly followed.

The UN chief said all parties must take every possible step to protect innocent civilians during the conflict. Reiterating his long-standing position, Guterres said there is no military solution to the crises in West Asia and insisted that only dialogue and negotiations can bring lasting peace.

More than 50 British parliamentarians express concern over arrests and rising tensions in PoJK region

Rights concerns grow as activist urges UK intervention PoJK

LONDON

UK-based Kashmiri author and human rights activist Shabir Choudhry has written to British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper urging action on human rights concerns in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. He said reports show increased security presence, alleged use of force, arrests of activists, communication blackouts and restrictions on media in the region.

According to him, more than 20,000 security personnel including Rangers, Frontier Constabulary and police have been deployed. He alleged that the crackdown has led to casualties, injuries and detentions, while communication limits block independent verification. He also raised concerns about Gilgit-Baltistan, citing political marginalisation, lack of constitutional rights and resource control issues.

Choudhry said the UK has a moral responsibility due to its role in the 1947 partition of the region.

He urged London to monitor developments, raise concerns with Pakistan, and support human rights monitoring and reforms.

He also called for engagement with civil society and oversight of aid to ensure proper use. Choudhry said people in PoJK and Gilgit-Baltistan want dignity, justice, democracy and basic rights.

Residents also seek economic opportunities, transparency, and fair distribution of development assistance according to the letter submitted by Choudhry to UK government officials said.

British parliamentarians express concern

More than 50 British parliamentarians have written to UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper expressing concern over reports of a communications blackout, arrests and rising tensions in PoJK. The letter, sent on June 6 and led by Bradford East MP Imran Hussain, chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Kashmir, highlighted internet and mobile disruptions and growing unrest. Hussain said over 50 MPs urged diplomatic steps for de-escalation, restoration of communications and peaceful dialogue.

Miraculous shift: Kim Jong Un tightens grip on North Korea

SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has emerged stronger after the pandemic, tightening control over the country while expanding his nuclear and military power.

During COVID-19, Kim had publicly apologised for economic hardship and shortages, but later used the crisis to strengthen his rule. Analysts say he closed borders with China, imposed strict anti-smuggling measures and restricted informal markets that many citizens depended on for survival. These steps increased state control over trade, ideology and daily life in North Korea. Reports also claim that harsh punishments were enforced against people

sharing foreign media such as K-pop and dramas.

At the same time, Kim accelerated the country's nuclear weapons programme, developing missiles capable of striking regional rivals like South Korea and Japan, while also advancing systems that could reach the United States. International sanctions were widely bypassed during this period, further boosting military capabilities. North Korea also strengthened ties with Russia, providing support in exchange for food, fuel and military technology.

This helped reduce its isolation and improved its strategic position. Relations with China have also shown signs of improvement, with trade and transport links gradually reopening. Experts say Kim has shifted from crisis management to a more confident leadership style, declaring a "new era" of development and military strength. While poverty remains widespread outside the capital Pyongyang, the regime now presents an image of stability and power. Analysts note that Kim's rule has become more centralised and assertive in both domestic control and foreign policy today.

Lebanese- Pakistani army chiefs discuss regional security ties

ISLAMABAD

Lebanese Army Chief General Rodolphe Haykal met Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir on Tuesday at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, where they discussed regional security and defence cooperation.

According to reports, both sides exchanged views on evolving regional security conditions and issues of mutual interest. The discussions also focused on strengthening defence relations, training cooperation and institutional links between the armed forces of both countries. Officials said the meeting aimed to enhance professional interaction and military coordination.

Field Marshal Asim Munir reiterated Pakistan's strong commitment to its relations with Lebanon and highlighted the importance of expanding defence collaboration. He also expressed readiness to deepen military-to-military engagement and cooperation in training and security-related areas.

Human rights activist flags violence in PoJK region

BARAMULLA

Human rights activist Tasleema Akhter has raised serious concerns over alleged civilian killings and internet shutdown in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). Akhter, who describes herself as a human rights defender from Jammu and Kashmir and Chairperson of the Association of Terror Victims in Kashmir (ATVK), strongly condemned the reported use of force by the Pakistan Army and security forces against civilians.

She said the situation has turned into bloodshed for innocent people and urged global human rights organisations to respond. She also alleged that internet services in PoJK have been suspended to stop local voices from reaching the outside world.

According to her, people in the region remain globally connected and suppression efforts will fail in the digital age. Akhter said residents are mainly demanding basic rights, including healthcare, food security and better public services. She expressed solidarity with affected families and demanded justice for victims. She further criticised alleged restrictions on journalists, political activity and democratic processes, including elections, saying such actions are unacceptable.

Akhter also claimed that eyewitness accounts and videos of violence have surfaced, raising international concern. She said protests are taking place in PoJK as well as in cities like London.

She urged the international community to take note of the situation and ensure accountability for alleged human rights violations in the region immediately without delay or political interference at any level.

Nepal cabinet expansion restores Gurung as minister

KATHMANDU

Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah is set to expand his cabinet and induct at least two new ministers, sources said on Monday. Former Home Minister Sudan Gurung is expected to return to the same post, with his oath ceremony scheduled at 3 pm local time at Sheetal Niwas, the Office of the President.

An official from the Prime Minister's Office said one more minister will also be appointed along with Gurung.

Independent lawmaker Mahabir Pun is also likely to be sworn in as Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation. Pun had earlier served in the interim government of Sushila Karki and is known for promoting innovation and technology development in Nepal.

THREE KILLED IN RUSSIAN STRIKE ON UKRAINE'S KHARKIV REGION

KYIV

At least three people, including a 70-year-old woman, were killed in a Russian attack on the town of Chuhuiv in Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region, regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said on Tuesday via Telegram. He said two men, aged 50 and 70, and a 70-year-old woman died in the strike, while emergency services worked to put out fires caused by the attack.

In the regional capital Kharkiv, six people were injured after shelling, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said. He added that a utility building was damaged and several fires broke out across the city. The latest strikes come amid continued fighting in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, now in its fourth year.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy was returning to Kyiv after meetings in London with the leaders of Britain, France and Germany, where discussions focused on possible steps toward ending the conflict. US-led peace efforts between Ukraine and Russia have slowed as Washington focuses on other global crises.

However, Zelenskiy said he recently held a "positive" conversation with US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, who reportedly showed willingness to work on a potential settlement in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, fighting continues along key frontlines, with both sides exchanging attacks and civilian areas frequently affected by shelling, destruction and rising casualties across several Ukrainian regions during ongoing hostilities.

ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ, ಬಸವೇಶ್ವರನಗರ, 3ನೇ ಹಂತ, 2ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 8ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಮನೆ ನಂ. 627ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್ ಜ್ಞಾನದೊರೆ ಅವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ.ಜಿ. ದೇವದಾಸ್ (ಪಾಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ನಂ. 93235019) ಆದ ನಾನು, ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕುಣಿಗಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹುತ್ತಿದುರ್ಗ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ವಡೆಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 35/3, 35/4ಎ ಹಾಗೂ 35/8ರ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಭಾಗ ಪತ್ರ, ವಂಶವೃಕ್ಷ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 22-05-2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿದರೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಿ. ನಂ. 2244053/2026 ರಂತೆ ದೂರು ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ 08.06.2026 ರಂದು **ಹರೀಶ್ ಆರ್.** ನೋಟರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಕೀಲರು, ಮಾಗಡಿ ಇವರ ಸಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

NAME CHANGE

I, **IMTIAZ, S/O HAJI JALAL SAB AND SAFOORA BEE** (Old Name), Resident of No. 391, 3rd Cross Lakshmi Layout, Near Kulsum Masjid, Arakere, Bengaluru -560076, have changed my name to **IMTAYAZ, S/O HAJI JALALUDDIN AND SAFFORA BI** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 09.06.2026 before notary V. RAJASHEKHARA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHEEBAJESU alias SHEEBA NANDINI S W/o LATE PASKAL JESURAJ S, R/o 44, M L Block, Oorgaum K G F, Bangarapet, Kolar, Karnataka-563120, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHEEBA NANDINI S.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, P MANJEGOWDA S/o LATE PUTTEGOWDA, R/o 676, 6th Cross, 2nd Stage, Hebbal, Mysore, Karnataka-570017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SURESHA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHESHAKUMAR M S/o MAHADEVANAYKA R/o Biligere Hobali, Nanjanagudu, Alaganchi, Mysore, Karnataka-571119, have changed the name of my minor daughter CHIDANVI M aged 3 years and she shall hereafter be known as TRISHA M.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಇದೇ ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮಪ್ಪರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಸುಮಾರು 62 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸುಳ್ಳ ಜೆ.ವಿ. ಮುನಿವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ ರವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-08-2020 ರಂದು ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ಕೋಲಾರದ ಹಿರಿಯ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್-1-02770/2020-21, ಸ.ಡಿ. ನಂಬರ್. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್.ಡಿ. 633 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-08-2020 ರಂದು ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿಯವರು ತನ್ನ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಶ್ಯಾನುಭೋಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಎಸ್.ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟರೆಡ್ಡಿರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್.ವಿ. ಅಶೋಕ್ ರವರಿಂದ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಂಡುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ಕೋಲಾರದ ಹಿರಿಯ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್-1-03471/2016-17, ಸ.ಡಿ. ನಂಬರ್. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್.ಡಿ. 186 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-08-2016 ರಂದು ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಅಶೋಕ್ ರವರ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಎಂ. ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪರವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-03-2014 ರಂದು ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮಪ್ಪರವರ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾದ 1ನೇ ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ.ವಿ.ಮುನಿವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಮೈನರ್ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾದ 1ನೇ ನೇತ್ರಾ, 2ನೇ ತಿಲಕ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೇಟ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮಪ್ಪರವರ 2ನೇ ಮಗನಾದ ಜೆ.ವಿ.ದೇವರಾಜು ರವರುಗಳಿಂದ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಂಡುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ಕೋಲಾರದ ಹಿರಿಯ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್.-1-08522/2013-14, ಸ.ಡಿ. ನಂಬರ್. ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಆರ್.ಡಿ. 147 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-03-2014 ರಂದು ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-03-2014 ಮತ್ತು 04-08-2016 ರ ಅಸಲು ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-06-2026 ರಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ರೀತಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಅಸಲು ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಪತ್ತೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇ-ದೂರನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ದೂರಿನಂತೆ ಕಳೆದ ಹೋದ ದಾಖಲೆ ವರದಿ ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 2237227/2026 ರಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-06-2026 ರಂದು ದಾಖಲೆ ವರದಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18-07-2024ರ ಅಸಲು ಕ್ರಯದ ಕರಾರು ಪತ್ರವು ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೋರಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ/ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಹಕ್ಕು-ಭಾಧ್ಯತೆ, ಅಥವಾ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅಥವಾ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಧಾರಣಾಧಿಕಾರ/ಪ್ರಭಾರ ಅಥವಾ ಮಾಲೀಕರೆಂದು ಚಲಾಯಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದರೆ, ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ನಡೆಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೂಪದ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 7 (ಏಳು) ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಬಲಾರ್ಥ ದಾಖಲೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳೊಡನೆ ಲಿಖಿತ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕಾಗಲೀ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗೂ, ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಇತರೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ, ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಮುಂದಾಗುವರು.

ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿವರ:

1) ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 96/5 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಖುಷ್ಕಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 01 ಎಕರೆ 13 ಗುಂಟೆ, 0-03 ಗುಂಟೆ (ಬ) ಖರಾಬ್ ಜಾತಾ ಐನು 1-10 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನು.

2) ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 96/7 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಖುಷ್ಕಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0-24 ಗುಂಟೆ, 0-01 ಗುಂಟೆ (ಬ) ಖರಾಬ್ ಜಾತಾ ಐನು 0-23 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನು.

3) ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 96/8 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಖುಷ್ಕಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0-13.1/2 ಗುಂಟೆ. 0-0.1/2 ಗುಂಟೆ (ಬ) ಖರಾಬ್ ಜಾತಾ ಐನು 0-13 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನು ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಒಂದು. ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೂರು ಐಟಂ ಸರ್ವೆನಂಬರ್‌ಗಳು ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಲಗತ್ತಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಮೂರು ಐಟಂ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿ ಒಂದೇ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ: ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿಯಿಂದ ಪಂಬರಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ ಮತ್ತು ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿರವರ ಜಮೀನು, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ರಾಮಪ್ಪರವರ ಜಮೀನು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ ವಗೈರೆ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು.

ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ:

1) ಟಿ. ರಂಗರಾಮೇಗೌಡ, ವಕೀಲರು, ರಾಮನಗರ, ಮೊಬೈಲ್: 9448669854.

2) ಜೆ.ವಿ. ಮುನಿವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗರಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಹೋಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, L Sheetal alias Sheetal L D/o K Lakshmana R/o No 443 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Mallathahalli Lake Road, Mallathahalli Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru Viswavidyalaya, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560056, have changed my name to BL Shushmitha.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAGARAJA S/o Mr.Santhappa, aged about 57 years, residing at Door No 13, Bommenahalli, Mandur Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluq, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560049, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NAGARAJA B S.

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CMis.No.315/2026

Petitioners: Sri.Muniyappa S/o Late Thathyappa Aged about 55 years, Rat Thalaga Kasaba Hobli Village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and others.

V/s

Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the daughter of petitioner No.1 & 2 and sister of petitioner No.3, and wife petitioner No.4, by name LATE THANUJA.M D/O MUNIYAPPA W/O VISHWANATH.N.H who died on 02.03.2025 at Talagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on -- -08-07-26 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 09-06-2026.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer, Prl Civil Judge & JMFC at Doddaballapura

Advocate: Nagaraju.C Opp to Court Complex, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur Town.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

Argentina receive fitness boost ahead of crucial WC title defence

MESSI AND KEY TEAMMATES EDGE CLOSER TO FULL TOURNAMENT FITNESS

KANSAS CITY

Defending champions Argentina have received a significant boost ahead of their FIFA World Cup title defence, with several injured players making encouraging progress towards full fitness before the team's opening match against Algeria on June 16.

The biggest positive for the South American giants is the recovery of captain Lionel Messi, who has been managing left hamstring fatigue suffered during his final club appearance for Inter Miami before the World Cup break. Although his participation in Argentina's final warm-up match against Iceland remains uncertain, team officials remain confident he will be available for the World Cup opener.

If selected, the 38-year-old superstar will make history by becoming one of the first players, alongside Cristiano Ronaldo, to feature in matches at six FIFA World Cups.

Argentina's medical staff has also been encouraged by the return of several other key players to full training. Midfielder Nico Paz and defenders Nahuel Molina and Gonzalo Montiel all took part fully in training sessions in Kansas City, indicating they are close to match readiness.

Paz, one of Argentina's brightest young talents, has been sidelined since suffering a knee injury while playing for Italian club Como in May. His recovery provides coach Lionel Scaloni with additional midfield options ahead of the tournament.

Molina and Montiel bring valuable experience to the squad, having played key roles during Argentina's triumphant 2022 World Cup campaign. Together, the two right-backs have accumulated nearly 100 international appearances and remain important members of the national team setup.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez and midfielder Leandro Paredes continued individual training programmes away from the main group. However, reports suggest neither player is expected to miss any World Cup matches. Argentina begin their Group J campaign against Algeria national football team in Kansas City before facing Austria national football team on June 22 and Jordan national football team on June 27.

With fitness concerns easing and key players returning to action, Argentina appear increasingly well-positioned to launch a strong defence of the World Cup crown they won four years ago.

Spain defeat Peru to complete WC preparations on winning note

PUEBLA

Spain wrapped up their preparations for the FIFA World Cup in impressive fashion with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Peru in an international friendly played in Puebla, Mexico.

Despite missing several key players due to injuries, the European giants delivered a polished performance and will head into the tournament full of confidence ahead of their opening match against Cape Verde on June 15.

Spain made a dream start to the contest when Mikel Oyarzabal found the back of the net just two minutes after kickoff, giving his side an early advantage. The quick goal allowed Spain to settle into their rhythm and dominate possession against a Peru side that failed to qualify for the World Cup.

Midfield star Pedri doubled Spain's lead in the 32nd minute with a well-taken finish, ensuring coach Luis de la Fuente's men went into the break with a comfortable 2-0 advantage.

The Spanish side extended their lead further in the 53rd minute when Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese accidentally turned the ball into his own net, making it 3-0 and effectively ending any hopes of a comeback.

Peru managed a consolation goal through Jairo Vélez in the 66th minute, but Spain remained firmly in control and comfortably saw out the remainder of the match.

The victory was particularly encouraging for Spain given the absence of several important players. Young star Lamine Yamal, winger Nico Williams and defender Víctor Muñoz all missed the game because of injuries and remained at the team's training base in Tennessee.

However, coach De la Fuente expressed optimism regarding their recovery, stating that all three players could be available for selection when Spain begin their World Cup campaign against Cape Verde in Atlanta.

Yamal's potential return will be especially significant. The Barcelona sensation has not featured since April 22 due to a hamstring injury, and his fitness remains a major talking point ahead of the tournament.

Following their opening fixture, Spain will face Saudi Arabia on June 21 in Atlanta before taking on Uruguay on June 26 in Guadalajara, Mexico. With a convincing win over Peru and key players nearing a return, Spain appear well prepared as they chase World Cup glory on the global stage.

Somali referee ruled out of WC after US entry denial

MIAMI

Somali referee Omar Artan will not officiate at the FIFA World Cup after being denied entry into the United States, dealing a major setback to the experienced match official just days before the tournament.

The decision was confirmed after US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that a Somali national scheduled to referee at the World Cup had been refused entry upon arrival at Miami International Airport from Istanbul. While the agency did not initially identify the individual, Artan is the only referee from Somalia selected for the tournament.

FIFA later confirmed that Artan would be unable to participate in training sessions or officiate during the World Cup and released a statement on his behalf.

"Despite the circumstances, I am in a positive mood and focused on the next challenges in my refereeing career," Artan said. He also thanked FIFA, the Confederation of African Football (CAF), and the global football community for their support and messages of encouragement. Artan expressed hope of returning to officiate at future international competitions and wished his fellow referees success during the tournament.

FIFA clarified that it was not involved in immigration decisions and had been informed by US authorities that Artan's immigration status would not be changed at this stage. "In line with previous FIFA events, a host government ultimately determines who receives a visa and who is admitted into their country," the governing body said.

According to CBP, Artan underwent additional screening after arriving in the United States. Officials stated that the process was part of standard inspection procedures used when officers need to verify information or assess admissibility. "Following inspection, the traveler was determined to be inadmissible due to vetting concerns and was denied entry," the agency said.

Authorities did not disclose the specific reasons behind the decision, citing immigration and security procedures.

CBP also emphasized that all individuals entering the country, including athletes, coaches, officials and support staff participating in international sporting events, are subject to the same inspection and vetting processes.

The development has sparked disappointment within football circles, particularly in Africa, where Artan is regarded as one of the continent's leading referees. His absence means Somalia will have no on-field officiating representation at the World Cup despite his historic selection for the prestigious tournament.

Captain Endo confident Japan can achieve unprecedented success at tournament

Japan targets historic WC run as expectations continue rising

NASHVILLE

Japan captain Wataru Endo has declared that the Samurai Blue are aiming to create history at the FIFA World Cup, with expectations higher than ever following the team's impressive performances in recent tournaments.

Speaking after Japan's first training session in Nashville, Endo said the squad is determined to achieve something never before accomplished in Japanese football history.

"We will do our best with pride and passion to achieve something that we've never seen before in Japan's soccer history," the Liverpool midfielder said.

Japan arrived in Nashville on Monday and held an open training session at GEODIS Park, home of Major League Soccer club Nashville SC. More than 5,000 fans attended the practice, reflecting the growing excitement surrounding the team's World Cup campaign.

The players spent nearly an hour jogging, stretching and working through light drills before interacting with supporters by handing out gifts and souvenirs. Fans had travelled from across the United States and Japan to catch a glimpse of the national team ahead of the tournament.

Japan will use Nashville as its training base before opening its Group F campaign against the Netherlands in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday.

The Asian powerhouse enters the World Cup with increasing confidence after producing two of the tournament's biggest upsets in Qatar 2022, defeating both Germany and Spain during the group stage. Those victories helped Japan reach the knockout rounds for the second consecutive World Cup.

However, the team is now aiming to go even further after suffering a heartbreaking penalty shootout defeat against Croatia in the Round of 16 four years ago.

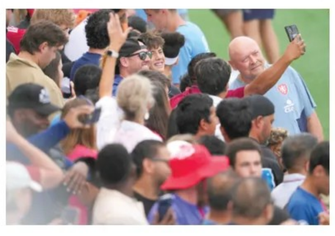
Supporters are optimistic about Japan's chances. Takuro Kaya, who travelled from North Carolina with his son Yuhi, said they were excited to watch the team and expected a deep run in the competition.

Japan will be without star winger Kaoru Mitoma, who missed selection due to a hamstring injury. Nevertheless, the squad remains packed with talent and experience.

US team embraces WC spotlight amid growing fan enthusiasm

IRVINE

The United States men's national football team has settled into its World Cup training base in Southern California with confidence, excitement and gratitude after receiving an overwhelming



welcome from thousands of enthusiastic supporters.

The Americans held their first public training session at Great Park in Irvine on Monday, where more than 5,500 fans gathered to watch preparations for the tournament. The turnout served as another reminder of the growing popularity of football in the United States and the unique opportunity awaiting the host nation. Head coach Mauricio Pochettino embraced the occasion, interacting with supporters and even leading a loud "U-S-A!" chant before the squad began training on the field.

"The facilities are amazing. It's more than we expected, and not only the facilities, but also the people working here," Pochettino said. "Great facilities and great people are an amazing combination. We are grateful."

The United States will remain based in Irvine for at least the next three weeks and enters the tournament after completing a training camp in Georgia and two international friendlies. Their World Cup campaign begins on Friday against Paraguay at SoFi Stadium in nearby Inglewood.

Captain Tim Ream said the team had been pleasantly surprised by the level of support shown by fans.

"We've all been pleasantly surprised by the excitement and buzz around the team. Seeing 5,500 people come to watch a training session is incredible," Ream said.

The veteran defender stressed that the players understand the significance of representing the host nation on football's biggest stage.

"This is a once-in-a-career opportunity. There is pressure and expectation, but we have to enjoy it. It's something none of us will ever experience again," he added.

The event attracted supporters from across the country, many of whom secured access through a lottery system that reportedly drew more than 32,000 applications.

There was additional good news for the American camp as key defender Chris Richards participated fully in training.

Olise hat-trick powers France past Northern Ireland before World Cup

PARIS

Michael Olise produced a stunning hat-trick as France defeated Northern Ireland 3-1 in their final warm-up match before the FIFA World Cup, giving coach Didier Deschamps a memorable farewell appearance on French soil.

The Bayern Munich winger was the standout performer in Lille, scoring all three goals as France completed their preparations in style ahead of their tournament opener against Senegal on June 16 in New Jersey.

The match also marked Deschamps' final game in France before stepping down after the World Cup, ending a remarkable 14-year tenure in charge of Les Bleus. The veteran coach selected an attacking lineup featuring Kylian Mbappé, Ousmane Dembélé, Désiré Doué and Olise, and the quartet frequently troubled the Northern Ireland defence. Olise opened the scoring in the 43rd minute when he reacted quickest after Dembélé's shot was blocked inside the penalty area. The winger doubled France's advantage shortly after halftime, firing home from close range following another defensive lapse.

The 24-year-old then completed his hat-trick in spectacular fashion in the 75th minute. Cutting in from the right flank, Olise curled a superb left-footed effort into the top corner from around 20 metres, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance.

The performance further strengthened his credentials as a guaranteed starter for France at the World Cup. Olise has enjoyed an outstanding season with Bayern Munich, scoring 22 goals in all competitions and establishing himself as one of Europe's most dangerous attacking players.

Gukesh can learn from Praggnanandhaa's resilience, says Viswanathan Anand

CHENNAI

Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand believes reigning world champion D Gukesh can take valuable inspiration from compatriot R Praggnanandhaa following the youngster's historic triumph at the Norway Chess tournament.

Praggnanandhaa recently became the first Indian player to win the prestigious Norway Chess title after producing a remarkable comeback in the final rounds of the event. Meanwhile, Gukesh endured a disappointing campaign, finishing sixth despite entering the tournament as the reigning world champion.

Speaking about Praggnanandhaa's achievement, Anand praised the teenager's fighting spirit, creativity and perseverance.

"I am delighted that Praggnanandhaa has won Norway Chess in an impressive style. I am especially happy with the spectacular turnaround he achieved in the last four rounds," Anand said.

The five-time world champion noted that Praggnanandhaa's willingness to fight in every position has become one of his greatest strengths.

"He is always ready for a fight and often comes up with interesting concepts on the board. The results may not always go his way, but his attitude remains the same," Anand observed.

Turning his attention to Gukesh, Anand said the world champion appears to be going through a difficult phase but stressed that hard work and persistence can quickly reverse fortunes in elite chess.

"At the moment, Praggnanandhaa is playing better than Gukesh, but things can change very quickly. Gukesh seems to be stuck a little. He can take inspiration from Pragg and understand that continued hard work eventually brings results," he said.

Gukesh is expected to defend his world title later this year against Javokhir Sindarov, making the coming months crucial for his preparations. Anand also highlighted the healthy rivalry among India's leading young grandmasters, including Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi.

"We have never had three players at such a high level simultaneously. They are constantly pushing each other to improve," he said.

The chess icon expressed satisfaction with India's rapid rise in world chess, noting that the country now boasts 95 grandmasters and consistently produces players capable of competing at the highest level.

According to Anand, India is firmly among the world's top three chess nations and continues to strengthen its position with every passing year.

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Zepto IPO filing reveals ED summons detail case

New Delhi

Zepto disclosed in its updated draft red herring prospectus that its founders Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra received summons from the Enforcement Directorate in April under FEMA-related proceedings. The ED reportedly sought detailed information on foreign investments, shareholding, financial statements, loans, bank accounts and the business model of the company. Both founders appeared before the agency in April and May and provided documents and responses during multiple interactions. The filing also states that no further communication has been received from the ED after submissions. SEBI approved the IPO in May, with a fresh issue of about Rs 8,000 crore and planned use for expansion, technology and marketing.

Executive highlights strong AI revenue growth outlook FY26

Mumbai

The executive Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the company recorded an annualised AI revenue of $2.4 billion in the last quarter of FY26, growing at a compound quarterly rate of 22.4%. He noted that despite investor concerns and broader IT sector pressure, fundamentals remain strong with stable margins, rising revenues and a healthy deal pipeline. He explained that AI will move beyond software into the physical world, impacting stores, factories, warehouses, energy networks, vehicles and supply chains. This will require experts who can integrate IT, AI and physical infrastructure. Addressing job concerns, he said fears of AI replacing IT services reflect misunderstanding of how AI integrates into enterprise systems rather than replacing human work.

GeM enables Rs 8.69 lakh crore orders growth

New Delhi

Government e-marketplace GeM has significantly boosted inclusion, with MSME registrations rising from 2,396 in 2016–17 to over 11.9 lakh, Commerce Ministry said. Procurement from MSEs rose from Rs 69 crore to over Rs 8.69 lakh crore, while orders increased from 2,994 to over 2.17 crore. Women-owned MSEs rose from 268 to over 2.16 lakh, with procurement reaching Rs 93,327 crore. Startups increased from 88 to over 40,000, with procurement rising to Rs 61,400 crore. SC/ST MSEs grew to over 66,000, with Rs 21,800 crore. Platform supported procurement of vaccine doses and syringes, alongside wider healthcare supplies. It continues to expand digital procurement efficiency and transparency nationwide under public procurement.

Ministers praise Modi's twelve years, Viksit Bharat vision

Union ministers hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12-year tenure, highlighting welfare, infrastructure, inclusion, empowerment, and development achievements.

NEW DELHI

- Ministers hail Modi's 12-year leadership
- Welfare schemes transformed millions of lives
- Infrastructure expansion highlighted across sectors
- Financial inclusion achieved through Jan Dhan
- Viksit Bharat vision gains strong support

Union ministers on Tuesday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12 years in office, highlighting achievements in welfare, infrastructure, financial inclusion, economic growth, and citizen-centric governance. They said the government's initiatives have transformed lives and strengthened India's journey toward becoming a developed nation under the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that the last twelve years established new benchmarks in service, good governance, and public welfare. He noted that schemes focused on poverty alleviation, women's empowerment, farmer welfare, youth opportunities, modern infrastructure, and national security have contributed significantly to India's progress.

According to figures shared by Goyal, more than 81 crore citizens receive free foodgrains every month, while over four crore houses have been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. He also highlighted the opening of crores of Jan Dhan accounts for women, support to self-help groups, expansion of metro networks across major cities, operation of 164 Vande Bharat trains, growth in airports, and the rise of over 2.2 lakh startups nationwide.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized that the government's guiding principle has been "Jan Seva Se Jan Shakti." She said initiatives over the years have focused on empowering citizens through inclusion, innovation, and opportunity. She pointed to the success of the Jan Dhan Yojana, under which more than 58 crore bank accounts have been opened, along with substantial growth in deposits. She also highlighted assistance provided to street vendors through the PM SVANidhi scheme.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said public welfare has remained at the center of governance, helping India advance across infrastructure, digital transformation, women's empowerment, and global outreach. Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri described Modi as a leader committed to service, saying his vision and dedication have helped lay the foundation for a confident and developed India.

Centre approved 250 MW solar project on defence land

NEW DELHI

The Centre has approved the country's first major solar power project to be developed on defence land, marking a significant step toward expanding India's renewable energy capacity and improving energy security. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has cleared the establishment of a 250 MW solar power project along with a battery energy storage system (BESS) on approximately 850 acres of vacant defence land in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, according to a Ministry of Defence statement released on Tuesday. The project is being implemented by NTPC Limited through a competitive bidding process to ensure optimal pricing and cost efficiency for defence establishments. It will be executed in coordination with the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Army) and the Directorate General Defence Estates.

India is expected to witness salary increments between 8.6 and 10.2 percent across industries in FY27.

India salary hikes pegged at 8.6-10.2 percent in FY27

BENGALURU

India is projected to record average salary increments ranging from 8.6 per cent to 10.2 percent in FY27, driven by sustained demand for skilled professionals and execution-focused talent, according to a report released on Tuesday.

The latest report by Team Lease Services indicates a stable yet differentiated compensation outlook across sectors. High-growth industries such as electric vehicles (EV) and EV infrastructure, Fin Tech, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, and power and energy are expected to offer salary hikes between 9.6 per cent and 10.2 per cent.

At the role level, Electrical Engineers are projected to receive the highest increment of 11.2 per cent, followed by Quality Control Inspectors at 10.9 per cent, IT Support Executives at 10.3 per cent, and both Quality Assurance Engineers and Site Engineers at 10.2 per cent.

The study, based on inputs from 1,268 businesses across 23 industries and 20 cities, identified Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad as emerging salary growth hubs in the country.

Industries classified under the sustainable growth category, including automotive, retail, insurance, and business process outsourcing (BPO), are expected to witness salary increases ranging from 8.9 per cent to 9.5 per cent. Within these sectors, Project Engineers are likely to receive increments of 10.7 per cent, while EHS Officers, IT Support Executives, and Relationship Executives may see hikes of around 10.1 per cent.

Balasubramanian A, Senior Vice President at Team Lease Services, said salary trends are increasingly influenced by sector-specific growth and specialized skill requirements. He noted that compensation growth is no longer limited to traditional metropolitan centres, with emerging cities gaining prominence due to industrial expansion and growing enterprise investments.

The report also highlighted more moderate salary growth in banking, construction and real estate, telecommunications, and textiles, where increments are expected between 8.6 per cent and 8.8 per cent. Sales and marketing, engineering, and IT functions continue to show the strongest compensation momentum.

Fitch retains India growth forecast at 6.4 pc

NEW DELHI

- India growth forecast retained at 6.4%
- West Asia crisis poses economic risks
- Domestic demand remains key growth driver
- Inflation may rise to 5.3%
- RBI projects higher 6.6% growth

Fitch Ratings has retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.4 per cent for FY27, while warning that the ongoing West Asia crisis and elevated oil prices could weigh on economic activity in the coming quarters.

In its June Global Economic Outlook, the global credit rating agency said it expects India's economic growth to moderate to 6.4 per cent in FY27, reflecting a downward revision of 0.3 percentage points from its March projection. According to Fitch, domestic demand will remain the primary driver of growth. However, lower imports in real terms are expected to contribute positively through net external demand, partially offsetting global headwinds.

The agency forecasts a recovery in FY28, projecting GDP growth at 6.7 per cent as geopolitical tensions ease and the impact of higher oil prices subsides. Stronger consumer spending and investment activity are expected to support the rebound. Growth is then projected to moderate to 6.4 per cent in FY29, aligning with the economy's long-term trend.

Fitch Chief Economist Brian Coulton said the oil price shock is affecting global growth prospects and increasing downside risks. However, he noted that a significant rise in global spending on information technology is helping cushion the impact on economic activity, particularly across Asia.

On inflation, Fitch said consumer price pressures in India have not risen sharply so far. It expects inflation to increase gradually and reach 5.3 per cent by the end of 2026, driven by higher energy costs and base effects.

The agency also flagged weather-related risks, including forecasts of below-average monsoon rainfall and ongoing heatwave conditions in parts of the country, which could put additional pressure on food prices.

Regarding the currency, Fitch said it does not expect any significant further depreciation of the Indian rupee this year.

Last week, the Reserve Bank of India projected real GDP growth at 6.6 per cent for FY27, while cautioning that global supply chain disruptions, financial market volatility, and adverse weather conditions remain key downside risks.

REDUCING FOOD LOSSES

India poised to lead agricultural transformation: World Bank

AHMEDABAD

India has the potential to lead the next phase of agricultural transformation in South Asia by expanding food processing, storage, logistics, and value-added activities, the World Bank Group said on Tuesday.

The observations were made during the Regional High-Level Policy Dialogue organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) in collaboration with the World Bank Group-led SAPLING initiative in Ahmedabad.

Speaking at the event, World Bank Group representatives highlighted that transforming food systems beyond farm production can generate substantial opportunities for employment, investment, economic growth, and poverty reduction. They stressed that the future of agriculture lies not only in increasing crop output but also in strengthening the entire value chain from production to processing and distribution.

South Asia's agriculture sector is valued at more than $700 billion annually and employs nearly 43 per cent of the region's workforce. However, despite its scale, the sector contributes only around 16 per cent to the region's GDP. Experts noted that over 30 per cent of food produced in South Asia is lost or wasted every year, enough to feed nearly 300 million people.

India has made significant progress in agricultural production, with food grain output rising from 51 million tonnes in 1950-51 to over 330 million tonnes currently. Processed food exports have also more than doubled over the last decade, increasing from around $4.9 billion to over $10 billion. The food processing sector now contributes approximately 9 per cent of manufacturing value added and nearly 13 per cent of the country's exports.

Despite these gains, experts said considerable untapped potential remains. They emphasized the need for stronger cold-chain infrastructure, storage facilities, logistics networks, and market linkages to reduce food losses and enhance farmer incomes.

To support this transformation, the World Bank Group is promoting AgriConnect and SAPLING initiatives. AgriConnect aims to connect 300 million farmers to markets by 2030 through infrastructure investments, policy reforms, and private capital mobilisation.

Participants called for coordinated efforts among governments, businesses, investors, and development institutions to strengthen agricultural value chains and create sustainable economic opportunities across the region.

Global LNG prices seen rising amid stronger demand

NEW DELHI

Global LNG prices may surge as Asian demand strengthens and Europe accelerates inventory rebuilding ahead of winter.

Ope's efforts to replenish depleted gas inventories before winter, according to a report released on Tuesday.

A report by Morgan Stanley projected the Asian LNG benchmark price to reach $25 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) during the third and fourth quarters of the year. This would represent an increase of more than 30 per cent from current forward market levels and mark the highest price since early 2023.

The brokerage noted that LNG prices are likely to remain elevated even if geopolitical tensions in the Middle East ease in the coming months. Disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for LNG exports from major producers such as Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, have continued to influence global energy markets.

According to the report, natural gas demand has begun recovering in key Asian economies, including India and China. At the same time, Europe faces increasing pressure to rebuild gas inventories after storage levels fell significantly below historical averages.

Analysts observed that weaker LNG imports during March and April helped offset some supply disruptions. However, demand has started rebounding with the onset of summer and growing requirements for energy storage.

Despite challenges in the Persian Gulf region, global LNG supply has remained relatively resilient. Increased output from facilities in other regions and additional export capacity in North America have helped support market availability. As a result, global LNG supply in May was only around one million tonnes lower than the corresponding period last year.

The report also highlighted forecasts of above-normal temperatures across parts of Asia during June and July, which are expected to boost LNG consumption for cooling purposes.

In Europe, gas demand softened last month, but storage inventories remain about 17 per cent below year-ago levels and nearly 25 per cent lower than the 10-year average, underscoring the need for additional LNG purchases in the coming months.

IIT Madras to showcase innovations at France event

NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) will showcase a wide range of deep-tech innovations, strategic research initiatives, and incubated startups at Bharat Innovates 2026, an international technology exhibition scheduled to be held in France from June 14 to 16.

Organized by the Ministry of Education, the event aims to identify, mentor, and showcase some of India's most promising technology ventures emerging from higher educational institutions and centrally funded technical institutes. It is expected to bring together innovators, investors, policymakers, industry leaders, research institutions, and technology partners from across the world.

IIT Madras will play a prominent role by leading two of the 13 thematic areas at the event and presenting 15 startups incubated at the institute. The institute's pavilion will also feature five major research projects that demonstrate India's growing capabilities in deep-tech innovation and indigenous technology development.

Among the key technologies on display will be Hyperloop transportation systems, lab-grown diamond technologies, indigenous 5G and 6G communication solutions, smart port automation platforms, and low-compute artificial intelligence ecosystems.

IIT Madras Director Prof. V. Kamakoti said the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 and Bharat Innovates 2026 are expected to strengthen collaboration between IIT Madras and French universities, research laboratories, industries, and startups. He noted that the event could pave the way for joint research projects, technology transfer initiatives, startup partnerships, standards development, and talent exchange programmes.

The institute will lead the Blue Economy and Next-Generation Communications segments. Startups such as REIO Systems, Astrome Technologies, and WiSig Networks will demonstrate indigenous communication technologies, while Planys Technologies will showcase advanced underwater inspection solutions for maritime infrastructure. Another startup, Zerocircle, will present sustainable seaweed-based alternatives to plastic packaging.

IIT Madras will also exhibit innovations from the Indian Centre for Lab Grown Diamonds and its Hyperloop research programme. The institute said the event will provide global exposure to Indian innovations and create new opportunities for international collaboration and startup growth.

BCCI prioritises recovery as Prasidh replaces Siraj for overseas tour

SIRAJ RESTED, PRASIDH JOINS INDIA SQUAD

MUMBAI

India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been withdrawn from the national squad for the upcoming T20I tours of Ireland and England as part of a workload management programme, with Prasidh Krishna named as his replacement.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the decision on Tuesday, describing it as a precautionary measure aimed at ensuring Siraj remains fit and fresh ahead of a demanding international season.

Siraj had originally been selected for the two-match T20I series against Ireland and the five-match T20I series in England. However, following discussions between the BCCI medical team and the team management, the pacer was advised to take a period of rest.

"Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been withdrawn from India's squads for the upcoming T20I series against Ireland and England. Following discussions between the BCCI Medical Team and the Team Management, Siraj has been advised a period of rest as part of his workload management programme," the BCCI said in an official statement.

The board further stated that the decision was taken to ensure adequate recovery and avoid any risk of fatigue or injury during a lengthy cricket calendar.

Prasidh Krishna, who has impressed in domestic and international cricket with his pace and bounce, has been drafted into the squad as Siraj's replacement for both tours.

Siraj has endured a busy season across formats. He featured in all 17 matches for Gujarat Titans during IPL 2026, claiming 19 wickets and playing a crucial role in the franchise's campaign. He was also a late inclusion in India's T20 World Cup squad and recently represented the country in the one-off Test against Afghanistan, which India won by an innings and 300 runs.

The move reflects the growing emphasis on player workload management by the Indian team, especially for fast bowlers who face a packed schedule across formats.

India's T20I squad for the Ireland and England tours will continue to be led by Shreyas Iyer, with Tilak Varma serving as vice-captain. Young sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, along with experienced campaigners Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel and Arshdeep Singh, also feature in the squad.

Australian legend hails Sooryavanshi's impact while backing traditional Test cricket

Sooryavanshi changed cricket's dynamics, says McGrath while praising teenage sensation

CHENNAI

Former Australian pace great Glenn McGrath has heaped praise on teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying the youngster has already "changed the game" with his extraordinary performances and fearless approach in the IPL.

McGrath, who is in Chennai as Director of Coaching at the MRF Pace Foundation alongside chief coach M. Senthilnathan, described Sooryavanshi as a rare talent whose power-hitting and maturity have surprised cricket followers around the world.

The Australian World Cup winner said the 15-year-old's remarkable IPL campaign, which earned him the Orange Cap and a place in India's T20I squad for the England and Ireland tour, had been nothing short of sensational.

"It is nice to see the kid play the way he did in the IPL. He has definitely changed the game," McGrath said, recalling the teenager's fearless batting against some of the world's best bowlers, including three consecutive sixes off Australian captain Pat Cummins.

"He was unbelievable. A guy who is only 15 looks incredibly strong. I think something like this can happen only in India or the subcontinent. In Australia, I can't imagine a 15-year-old playing at this level," he added.

While applauding Sooryavanshi's achievements, McGrath stressed that Test cricket remains the ultimate challenge and hoped young players would continue to value the longest format. He opposed suggestions of reducing Test matches to four days, insisting that five-day contests provide the true examination of a player's skill and character.

Referring to India's recent innings victory over Afghanistan, McGrath said he was pleased with the result but disappointed that the match ended in just three days.

"Test cricket should be a contest between bat and ball and last five days. Playing on a fifth-day wicket is the ultimate challenge," he said.

McGrath also expressed pride in MRF Pace Foundation products Sakib Hussain and Praful Hinge, who impressed for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL, saying their performances reflected the academy's continued success in nurturing fast-bowling talent.

Hardik cleared for ODI return after successful fitness tests at CoE

India receives major boost as Hardik Pandya regains full fitness ahead

DHARAMSHALA

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya has been cleared to return to international cricket for the upcoming three-match ODI series against Afghanistan after successfully completing fitness assessments at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.

The 32-year-old, who missed several IPL matches for Mumbai Indians due to recurring back spasms, has been undergoing rehabilitation and training at the CoE since June 2. According to BCCI sources, Pandya completed a series of match simulations over five days and bowled his full quota of 10 overs without any discomfort, a key indicator of his readiness for 50-over cricket.

Officials monitoring his progress confirmed that his fitness parameters were reviewed and approved by the Strength and Conditioning team at the CoE. The successful completion of his bowling workload comes as a major boost for the Indian team, which relies heavily on Pandya's ability to contribute with both bat and ball.

Pandya remains a crucial component of India's white-ball setup, providing balance through his pace bowling and aggressive finishing abilities in the lower middle order. His return is expected to strengthen India's preparations ahead of a busy international calendar.

While it remains unclear whether Pandya will join the squad for an under-lights training session in Chandigarh or link up directly with the team in Dharamshala, his fitness clearance has effectively ended concerns surrounding his availability for the Afghanistan series.

Meanwhile, former India captain Rohit Sharma is also at the Centre of Excellence undergoing assessment for a hamstring niggle that sidelined him during several matches of the recent IPL season. Team management is expected to receive an update on Rohit's condition in the coming days.

Red-ball cricket remains pinnacle of sport, says debutant Manav Suthar

MULLANPUR

India's latest Test debutant Manav Suthar has reaffirmed his love for red-ball cricket, describing the longest format as the pinnacle of the sport and revealing that he continued practising with the red ball even during IPL 2026 in preparation for a potential opportunity.

The 23-year-old left-arm spinner enjoyed a dream debut against Afghanistan, claiming match figures of 7 wickets, including a stunning first-innings haul of 6/33, while also contributing valuable runs with the bat. His all-round performance played a key role in India's commanding innings-and-300-run victory in the one-off Test at Mullanpur.

Suthar said playing Test cricket for India had always been his ultimate ambition.

"From the day I started playing cricket, red-ball cricket meant everything to me. It is the pinnacle of the sport. Whether it was Under-19 cricket or the Ranji Trophy, my goal was always to play Test cricket for India," he said.

Suthar revealed that he remained focused on the possibility of a Test call-up even while representing Gujarat Titans in the IPL.

"When my name came up in the squad, I was practising with the red ball during the IPL as well. I wanted to be prepared if the opportunity came," he said.

The spinner also recalled the emotional moment when head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill informed him about his debut. "It was a proud moment for me, my father and my family. Playing Test cricket for India has always been our dream," he added.

Suthar credited senior spinner Kuldeep Yadav and other teammates for motivating him ahead of his debut. He also highlighted the importance of consistency in red-ball cricket, saying his success came from repeatedly bowling in the right areas rather than chasing spectacular deliveries. Observing assistance for spinners from the surface, Suthar chose to rely on his stock delivery and disciplined line and length.

"I didn't want to get carried away. My focus was on consistency and spot-bowling. Whatever consistency I have today is because of that ap

Pant is India's best Test batter, says Ashwin despite criticism

NEW DELHI

Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has described Rishabh Pant as India's best Test batter, while simultaneously criticising the wicketkeeper-batter for failing to convert promising starts into match-defining centuries.

Pant marked his return to international cricket with an impressive 81-run knock against Afghanistan in the one-off Test, helping India register a massive innings-and-300-run victory. However, his dismissal after getting well set left Ashwin frustrated, as he believes the left-hander has repeatedly missed opportunities to post even bigger scores.

Ashwin said Pant possesses exceptional batting ability and remains India's most valuable batter in the longest format.

"You've got out so many times in the 80s and 90s. It is impossible to discover such a great Test batter. But playing such a shot on 80 is mind-boggling," Ashwin remarked.

The former all-rounder said Pant's record could have been even more extraordinary had he converted several scores in the 80s and 90s into centuries. According to Ashwin, the 28-year-old now has enough experience in international cricket to better assess match situations and take greater responsibility.

"He has played more than 50 Tests now. He needs to start playing according to the team's requirements on many occasions," Ashwin said.

Despite his criticism, Ashwin was lavish in his praise for Pant's overall skill and rated him above several of India's leading Test batters, including Shubman Gill, KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal.

"He is actually the best Test batter India has. When he defends, it is so good that even Sunil Gavaskar is impressed. He has so much time to play the ball, irrespective of pace," Ashwin said.

The veteran also revealed that he had personally advised Pant on multiple occasions to value his wicket more and focus on converting starts into major innings. While acknowledging that aggressive batting is part of Pant's natural game, Ashwin argued that successful Test cricket requires calculated risk-taking and percentage-based decision-making.

"Natural game is about playing percentages in Test cricket. Not every ball needs to be attacked," he said. Pant's latest innings has once again highlighted both his immense talent and the debate surrounding his shot selection, with Ashwin urging the star batter to combine flair with greater patience to reach even greater heights in Test cricket.

STOKES FACES CAPTAINCY THREAT AMID ECB PROBE INTO NIGHTCLUB INCIDENT

LONDON

England Test captain Ben Stokes is facing uncertainty over his leadership role after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) launched an investigation into an alleged breach of team protocols following England's victory over New Zealand in the first Test at Lord's.

Stokes and fast bowler Gus Atkinson are reportedly being investigated for their involvement in an incident at a nightclub during the early hours of Monday. The episode is also believed to have involved a player from rugby club Saracens, which was holding end-of-season celebrations at the venue.

According to reports, neither Stokes nor Atkinson was injured during the incident. However, ECB officials are treating the matter seriously and are gathering further information before deciding on any disciplinary action.

The controversy comes at a sensitive time for English cricket, only months after the team faced criticism over its drinking culture during the Ashes series in Australia, where England suffered a heavy 4-1 defeat.

In an official statement, the ECB confirmed that an investigation is underway.

"The ECB is currently investigating a breach of team protocols following the conclusion of the first Men's Test against New Zealand. Ben Stokes and Gus Atkinson were present at a nightclub in the early hours of Monday morning when an incident took place," the board said.

Reports suggest the alleged breach could be significant enough for the ECB to consider removing Stokes as captain. If that happens, vice-captain Harry Brook, who already leads England's white-ball teams, could take charge for the second Test at The Oval beginning on June 17.

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